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WILSON AND MARSHALL ARE THE NOMINEES.

The Democrats Make a Choice After Eight-Day Session.

LOW TARIFF PLATFORM ADOPTED.

Bryan's Ideas Are Carried Out in Platform and Nominations—The Bitterest Fight in Years Ended in Sort of Love Feast.

Baltimore, Md., July 2.—Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, and at one time president of Princeton University was to-day nominated as the Democratic candidate for President of the United States.

The nomination came after one of the most sensational struggles ever witnessed in a national convention. The convention was in its eighth day. The fight was between Speaker Champ Clark and Wilson.

At one time Clark had more than half of the 1988 delegates. Then Wilson began to creep up to him. On Monday Wilson passed Clark. When the convention convened to-day the opening roll call was the forty-third. Wilson's nomination was accomplished in the forty-sixth ballot. The vote was: Wilson, 990; Clark, 84; absent, 2. It required 725 to nominate.

This roll call was finished at 3:21 p. m. The nomination was made unanimous two hours later. The convention adjourned at 4:43 p. m. until 7 p. m. There remained yet as the work of the body the nomination of a vice-president and the addition of a platform. The platform was ready. It had been written, practically, by William Jennings Bryan.

The Deadlock.
Last night there was talk to the effect that the deadlock which had held for four days could not be broken. Some talked of a month's adjournment. This feeling was dissipated when Illinois was reached on the first ballot taken to-day. It was very quiet when this state was called. Roger Sullivan arose and announced the ballot. "Illinois, 18 for Clark, 40 for Wilson," he cried.

Under the unit rule the entire 38 votes were put in the Wilson column. The big break had come.

It was the beginning of the end. Wilson was in the air. Michigan caught the spirit. She gave Wilson 28 and Clark 2. This was a gain for Wilson of 3. Other states as they were called helped—Virginia, voting for the first time under the unit rule, gave her entire vote to Wilson. This boosted him 24. One of the Virginia delegates was Thomas F. Ryan, whom Bryan attacked in the convention. Missouri seeing what was coming, began to sing in a sort of "Houn' Dawg" tune.

"Ryan and Bryan, Ryan and Bryan! Don't take the Wall Street candidate."

West Virginia got into the game. She swung to Wilson with her 16, subtracting them from the Clark total which was now quickly disappearing.

The two chief rivals had started the day with this vote: Wilson 394; Clark 430.

When the first ballot of the day was counted it was found that Wilson had gained 108 and Clark had lost 101.

Colorado came to the bat for Wilson on the next ballot. She switched nine votes from Clark to Wilson. Pennsylvania had been voting right along: Wilson 74, Clark 2. She gave the whole vote to Wilson. Utah followed suit, adding her eight votes. Wisconsin gave her 26 votes to Wilson, although half a dozen of the delegates had been voting for Clark. When the forty-fourth ballot was announced Wilson needed only 97 votes to win.

This was the result of the forty-fifth ballot: Wilson 633; Clark 306; Underwood 97; Foss 27; Harmon 25. Baltimore, Md., July 3.—After nominating Governor Thomas R. Marshall, of Indiana, as vice-presidential candidate to head the ticket with Woodrow Wilson, who was nominated this afternoon for president, the Democratic national convention adjourned and died at 1:55 a. m.

A vice-president was nominated after two ballots had been taken and when it was seen that Marshall had a long lead over Governor John

Burke, of North Dakota, and Senator George Chamberlain, of Oregon, rival candidates.

Burke withdrew and the nomination was made unanimous by acclamation.

Earlier in the evening the platform was adopted by a viva voce vote, no minority report having been submitted.

The candidates whose names were presented were: Governor John Burke, North Dakota; Elmer W. Hurst, Illinois; Governor Thomas R. Marshall, Indiana; Judge Martin J. Wade, Iowa; James H. Preston, Maryland; Speaker Champ Clark's name was presented but was later withdrawn. W. J. Bryan was named and he declined the honor.

The first ballot for vice-president resulted as follows: Marshall 389; Preston, 58; Chamberlain, 157; Hurst, 77; Burke, 305 2-3; McComb, 18; Sulzer, 2; Wade, 28; Osborne, 8; absent, 46 1-3.

The second ballot showed up strongly for Marshall and the end soon came to the proceedings.

MISS HERRICK DEAD.

Former Bolivar Young Woman Died in Hospital in Paris.

Miss Anna Grace Herrick, a sister of John P. Herrick, of Olean, the well-known editor and newspaper writer, died at a hospital in Paris on Thursday, June 20. The Olean Times says:

Miss Herrick was completing a course of study at the University of Paris, or the Sorbonne, and her illness came during the final examination period. Miss Herrick left Olean a year ago. Last summer she traveled over Europe, entering the Sorbonne in the fall. She was an accomplished linguist, speaking and teaching French, German, Spanish and Italian. She was also an accomplished musician.

Miss Herrick graduated from the Bolivar high school in 1898, won a Cornell State scholarship in competitive examination and graduated from Cornell in the class of 1902. She made a specialty of languages. After graduating, she taught one year in a girls' school in Mississippi, three years in the Des Moines, Iowa, high school, then spent a year at the University of California in special work. From Berkeley she went to Mexico, where she taught four years. During her last year in Mexico she conducted a private school for children of wealthy families in Monterey, preparing them for college. In Mexico she perfected her Spanish and did considerable special writing for the newspapers. She was in love with the people and the country. One of her feats was to scale Mt. Popocatepetal with a party of friends, the trip occupying three days and nights. She left Mexico a year ago in April owing to the revolution, spending several weeks in Bolivar, Shinglehouse and Olean en route for Europe. Miss Herrick was 31 years old. To study at the historic Sorbonne was one of the ambitions of her life. After completing her course of study in Paris, it was her intention to go to Mexico, when the country was again tranquil. The news of her death came as a great shock, for her homecoming a few weeks hence was being looked forward to. Mr. Herrick called Paris friends last night to have the body prepared for shipment home.

Miss Herrick is survived by her mother, Mrs. M. A. Herrick, of Shinglehouse; a sister, Mrs. H. L. Pearson, of Shinglehouse; and five brothers, Frank A. Herrick, editor of the Bolivar Breeze; Robert L. Herrick, of Bolivar; Charles A. Herrick, editor of the Oswayo Valley Mail of Shinglehouse; Orrin C. Herrick and John P. Herrick of Olean. Arrangements for the funeral and burial will be made after the arrival of the body on this side of the ocean.

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LOST.
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MRS. JOHN E. WALKER.

HOMER ELLIOTT TERRIBLY BEATEN THURSDAY NIGHT.

Nearly Insensible When His Assailant Was Dragged Off.

"MICKY" MCCARTHY HELD FOR COURT

He Is Charged With Assault and Battery With Intent to Kill—Police Are Looking for Archie Hunt, Who Is Said to Be Principal in Disgraceful Row.

Persons residing near the Pennsylvania depot at East Smethport were aroused from their slumbers shortly after midnight last Thursday by the pleadings of a man who was evidently receiving a terrible beating and men who dressed and went out found an unknown man dragging and kicking Homer Elliott, who resides on the A. E. Hackett farm in Hackett hollow, about the road at the Pennsylvania railroad crossing. When this man was forced to quit his inhuman work he made his way toward Bush hill and the police are now looking for him.

Elliott soon revived and insisted on walking home but when he got there he was in an exhausted and weakened condition from his injuries and Dr. Ostrander was summoned and dressed his wounds, which consisted of several ugly wounds and bruises on the left side of his head, face and shoulder.

At the instigation of friends of Elliott, the local authorities and County Detective Jones got busy on the case and a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Earl T. McCarthy, commonly known as "Micky," Robert McCarthy and Robert Cransie, charging them with assault and battery with intent to kill and they were taken into custody on Saturday, but as Elliott was still too ill to be present at the hearing it was postponed until Monday evening, and the trio gave bail for their appearance at the hearing. Monday evening in the sum of \$500 each.

At the hearing before Justice Gleason, Monday evening, Earl McCarthy was held for court on the above charge and Robert McCarthy and Robert Cransie were discharged, there being absolutely no evidence against them. However, at this hearing it was shown that Archie Hunt was the unknown man in the fracas and the testimony of both the Commonwealth and the defense tended to show that he was one of the principals. We understand that Detective Jones now has a warrant for his arrest and is looking for him.

Homer Elliott, the victim in the affray, testified that he was accosted by "Micky" McCarthy who asked for a drink. He said that he gave him a drink out of a pint he had in his pocket and started on toward home when "Micky" intercepted him and showed fight. He showed "Micky" out of the way and as he did another man hit him from behind, knocking him down. Then both kicked and pounded him with their fists and with stones until he almost lost consciousness. At this point R. A. Cooper appeared and drove them away. He identified Earl McCarthy, but said Robert McCarthy or Robert Cransie was not the other.

R. A. Cooper, J. R. Cooper and Mark Schoonmaker, all of whom dressed and came out of their homes upon hearing the noise, testified to seeing "Micky" but stated that the other man present was neither Robert McCarthy nor Robert Cransie. J. R. Cooper saw another man going up the tracks but did not recognize him.

Earl McCarthy, one of the defendants, testified that he met Elliott in front of Voorhees' store and that he pulled out a pint of whiskey and asked him to open it for him. Elliott offered him a drink, which he refused, but Elliott took one. They walked toward the tracks and Elliott offered him another drink, which he refused. Then Elliott tried to pick a fight. Archie Hunt, who was a stranger to "Micky," came along and took his part and the fight started. "Micky" says he did not take any part in the fight, but simply stood by watched it. He also stated that Elliott was the aggressor in the fight with Hunt.

E. T. Daly testified that Hunt was in his livery barn Sunday night and told him about having a fight at East Smethport on this night.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Exercises Held at M. E. Church Last Sunday Evening.

The annual children's day exercises of the Methodist Episcopal church were held in the church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and were largely attended. The church was attractively decorated with ferns, daisies, peonies and syringa blossoms. Miss Mildred Gleason presided at the organ and Miss Vera Freeman at the piano. The program was as follows:

Organ Prelude Miss Gleason
Doxology Audience
Prayer Rev. J. W. McGovern
Song, "Face to Face"
..... Sunday School Choir
Recitation, "Welcome," Amella Flato
Recitation, "I Wish I Could Sing Like a Bird," Thelma Stubenrauch
Song, "Jesus Wants Me for a Beam," Primary Department
Recitation, Children's Day
..... Martha Colegrove
Solo, Children's Song, Helen Gleason
"The Beginning of Children's Day" Anna Laugreir
Stollie Freeman, Gladys Gallup, Dorothy Wooster, Irma Howard and Leona Lyle.
Song, "Victory," Sunday School Choir
Recitation, "Welcome,"
..... Harriet Brownell
Recitation, "The Bright Buttercup," Annetta DeGoller
Song, "I'll Give," Primary Department
Recitation, The Temple, Paul Karlen
"Little White Daisies,"
Harriet Herzog and Dorothy Cramer
Solo Norine Kidder
Flower Drill, Nettie Howard, Adella Hellmann, Ruth Norman, Luella Lyle
Recitation, "Children's Day,"
..... Robert Michaels
Recitation, "The Gem of Days,"
..... Leona Lyle
Song, "Blossom Bells,"
..... Intermediate Department
Recitation, "Giving,"
..... Harrison McGovern
Song, "Dear to the Heart of the Shepherd," Sunday School Choir
Benediction, ... Rev. J. W. McGovern.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, the Almighty in His infinite wisdom has removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed fellow-members, Chester A. Burdick, of the McKean County Board of Fire Insurance Underwriters; and whereas, the intimate relations held with him, and the faithful discharge of his duties while a member of this organization, makes it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore

Be it resolved, that the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in the aid of this organization by his service, counsel and regular attendance at meetings will be held in grateful remembrance.

Be it resolved, that the removal of such a life from our midst, makes a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of this organization, and will prove a serious loss to the entire community.

Be it resolved, that with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Be it resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this organization, a copy be printed in the local papers and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

C. B. GILLIS,
WM. F. SPECHT,
ROBERT BAUER,
Committee.

OLEAN BOY KIDNAPPED.

Veiled Woman and Two Men in Auto Seize and Carry Away Boy.

Olean, July 2.—A thickly veiled woman, accompanied by two men in a big black touring car, kidnapped the 7-year-old son of Benjamin Sprague. The kidnapping was done on a public street in full view of many people. The big car went into South Olean and toward Limestone and Bradford. The father of the boy is a machinist. No reason is known for the action. The mother of the child is grief stricken.

Two women visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sprague last week. One of them was a stranger to Mr. Sprague although they were sisters. The parents can only surmise the reason for the spiriting away of their child.

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CITY DADS MEET MONDAY NIGHT.

Business Session Attended to Routine Matters.

BILLS PRESENTED AND PAID.

The Sidewalk Committee is the Busiest on the Job—They Are Doing Much Good Work—And Have Trouble of Their Own.

The regular monthly meeting of the Smethport borough council was called to order Monday evening by President J. C. Backus at 8:40 p. m. The following members were present: Backus, Denning, Engstrom, Daly, Irons and Raymer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Smethport Water Co., water, \$47.50
M. E. Backus, quarantine officer \$46.20
E. W. Strong, turning off water, .45
Frank R. Foster, making duplicate 10.00
Frank McCarthy, police 60.00
Daly & Garlick, hardware 13.75
V. B. Bouton, retailer for June 12.50
F. H. Biever, secretary and ex. secures 31.30
C. O. Larson, team work 15.75
Sam Turner, team work 41.00
Jones & Sasse, team work 15.75
Jake McBride, labor 46.50
John Cransie, street com. 60.00
Holmes & Gilfillan, sewer pipe 93.70
C. M. Colegrove, surveying 9.50
F. E. Tull, quarantine officer, ... 45.60
Moved by Daly and seconded by Denning that bills as read be paid. Carried.

R. S. Hays presented a bill for \$2.60 for milk furnished the Degollers during quarantine, which was ordered by a quarantine officer. After some discussion the bill was ordered paid.

The council instructed the secretary to order the following corrugated iron pipe to be used under crosswalks: Four pieces eight feet long, twelve inches in diameter, and four pieces six feet long and twelve inches in diameter.

The sidewalk committee, composed of Messrs. Ramer and Irons, are about the busiest men in town. There are a great many walks to be put in this summer and there is always more or less trouble on this job and this committee is having its share at present. By hustling up delinquents, hearing complaints and trying to save the taxpayers' money, these gentlemen manage to use up all their spare time.

One walk on Bank street which is said to be in a dangerous condition and is a bad one to replace, it crossing a ravine, was brought up for discussion before the council by the sidewalk committee. It was finally moved by Daly and seconded by Engstrom that the sidewalk committee be instructed to put in walk across ravine in front of the Evans property on Bank street, which is in a dangerous condition. Carried.

The burgess reported \$2.00 received from fines during the month of June. The secretary reported \$4.20 received from the Standard Oil company for empty barrels.

Meeting adjourned at 10 p. m.

Excursion to Olean, Riverhurst and Rock City Park, Sunday, July 14, 1912, via Shawmut Line.

Sunday, July 14th, the P. S. & N. R. R. offer special service and rates to Olean, Riverhurst and Rock City Parks from St. Marys and Intermediate points, except stations on the Hazelhurst branch. Train leaves Smethport 10:27 a. m., returning leaves Olean 7:00 p. m. Fare for the round trip to Olean, \$1.00; to Riverhurst, \$1.05, and to Rock City, \$1.30. The St. Marys Silver Cornet Band has been engaged to accompany excursion and will give a concert at Rock City Park in the afternoon. For full particulars see small bills, apply to P. S. & N. agents or address: J. S. T. ODELL, General Passenger Agent, St. Marys, Pa.

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TERRIBLE CANADIAN STORM.

Regina Hard Hit and Upwards of Eighty Were Killed.

Regina, Sask., July 1.—The number of known dead as the result of the tornado that struck Regina and vicinity last night is now placed at 41. It is expected that when the list is finally completed it will show a total of 80 deaths, as many persons were boasting on Vancouver lake when the storm struck and only a few of them have been accounted for.

Fully four hundred persons were injured and of these a few are expected to die. The property loss will reach fully \$10,000,000.

The tornado lasted only a short time. In fact it was over so quickly that the people hardly had time to realize what had taken place and some of the escapes were miraculous. Buildings only a block from the path of the storm were injured only slightly. The first intimation that those outside of the storm zone had of the disaster was when three girls who had escaped from the wrecked telephone exchange belonging to the government telephone lines, appeared at a newspaper office and told their experiences. The young women slid from the second floor of the telephone building to the basement, carried down by a 15-ton switchboard. Soon hundreds of willing hands began the work of rescue.

The electric light plant supplying the city was put out of commission when the storm struck, adding confusion and retarding the work. Many freaks of the wind are shown. The roof of a factory building was carried three blocks and crashed through a handsome, new residence. Four livery stables were demolished and every horse in each of them was killed.

The escape of 75 girls working in the telephone exchange was probably the most miraculous of any. The building was demolished. It was at first believed that a large number had been killed. Superintendent J. R. Sutherland wired the general office at Winnipeg early in the night that probably 20 girls had been killed and 40 injured. This, however, proved to be untrue. Just how many were injured is not known, but none were killed or fatally injured.

On John street, one of the principal residence thoroughfares, scarcely a building is left standing.

The Canadian railway yards is a flat expanse of ruined shops and trains. Not a whole car remains in the yards. Some of them were picked up by the wind and carried for several blocks. One was carried clear through the freight sheds.

The whole north side of the city is practically wiped out. No one knows how many are dead on that side.

Central park, in the heart of the city, is a mass of ruins. Every tree is leveled. Great pieces of timber have been driven into the ground two or three feet. The Y. W. C. A., facing Central park, is wrecked. The dormitory is in ruins and the Credit Foncier building, also facing Central park, is badly damaged, though the walls are still standing.

There were 60 girls in the Y. W. C. A. which faced on Central park. One side of the building was torn out, the roof was whirled away and the windows were blown in and most of the furniture wrecked. How the girls escaped is a miracle. Miss Morton, secretary, said she saw the storm coming and ran upstairs with several girls to put down the windows.

"I had just got the windows shut," she said, "when the storm hit us. The windows came through with a crash and I thought the building was going. It shook like a leaf. I ran into a closet and drove several of the girls before me. It was all over in a minute; I thought surely the girls were all killed. Most of them, however, ran to the park and hid under the bushes. How they were not killed by the flying debris I cannot understand. Only three were injured and these not seriously."

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ADVICE TO EMBRYO POETS

First Efforts Should Not Be Directed to Subjects That Would Test Genius.

Far, far is it from our wish or intention to hurt anybody's feelings, but we do wish to state, very gently, that one of the most difficult tasks a poet, experienced and skilled in the practice of his art, could undertake, would be to write an adequate and fitting poem on the loss of the Titanic. For anyone else to attempt it is to invite inevitable failure, and failure of a kind that—well, of a kind that it would be unkind, in the circumstances, to characterize.

To be deeply and sincerely moved is one of the requisites for writing noble verse about a tragic episode in human history, but it is far from being the only requisite, and, with all respect for their emotions and intentions, we would suggest that those who have only a desire to express what they feel in regard to this calamitous event should do it otherwise than in verse. At least they should not try to get the verse printed, for by so doing they place upon the winnowers of metrical offerings the always painful duty to be cruelly kind.

Surely, surely, surely, a first effort to write poetry should not be on a subject that would test all the powers of a long-tested genius.

LITTLE CHANCE TO OVEREAT

Kentuckian Visits Grill Room of New York Hotel and Has Hearty Breakfast.

After his brother had been in New York a little more than a year, a Kentuckian decided to pay him a visit. Hoping to surprise his brother, the Kentuckian did not advise his brother of his intentions. Arriving at nine o'clock in the morning, he asked to be directed to a good eating house. The taxi cab pilot steered his course for the largest, costliest and most fashionable hotel grillroom on Broadway.

Being a stranger in a strange land and hungry, the Bluegrass brother ordered a regular home meal. When he got the check from the waiter it also staggered him. He wasn't accustomed to New York hotel prices.

After verifying the correctness of his bill at the cashier's desk and being insulted by the waiter for tipping him twenty-five cents, the visitor started out to look for his brother, whose office he found about one o'clock.

In response to his inquiry as to his brother's whereabouts, a clerk said: "He's over at Blank's hotel's new grillroom."

"Go slow, friend, only a millionaire could overeat at the Blank hotel. I know, because I had breakfast there myself this morning."

Gifts for Philippine Tribesmen.

While traveling around among these people of the mountains the giving of presents enters a great deal into the methods of treating them. As a rule the gifts which are acceptable are mere trifles. Among the Ifugos a custom formerly required them to wear in the hair a white rooster's feather on fiesta days. More recently a strip of onion skin tissue paper as thick wide has been introduced, and it is now the universal present from the secretary on his visit. These papers are worn as a sign of holiday, and after the fiesta is over they are carefully preserved till another occasion calls them forth. The Ifugos and Callagans like beads, and a common bead of imitation agate which is worth a few centavos in Manila has its value enhanced till it is worth 50 centavos in the hills. Scarlet cloth is also acceptable to the Ifugos and Callagans. One of the very highest prizes of all is the pearl oyster shell, and several of these are always taken along. A great deal of discretion must be exercised in giving such presents, so as not to cheapen them, nor to place them in the hands of the wrong people.—Manila Times.

Losing a King.

One of our naval officers tells of an incident that occurred when an American war vessel was lying at anchor in a European port, on which occasion it was visited by a monarch and his suite.

One of the members of this suite, resplendent in gold lace and decorations, with a big sword at his side and sporting a huge mustache, was exploring the ship, and being ignorant of things nautical, had leaped against the main-hatch windmill, mistaking it for a mast. Of what ensued the officer of the deck was informed by the boat-swain's mate, who had seen the catastrophe and who broke the news of it thus:

"You will excuse me, sir, but I think one of them kings has fell down the main hatch, sir."—Harper's Magazine.

A Delicate Point.

"They are a happy Sewickly couple. They haven't been married very long. In fact, the honeymoon has barely waned. An elderly friend met the bridegroom down town yesterday and slapped him on the back.

"Well, happy as a lark, I suppose?"

"Oh, yes."

"How's the cooking?"

"I have one trouble there. It's just this, my wife has been preparing angel food every day for dinner."

"You must be getting tired of it."

"I am. Did you get in without saying anything. How soon after the honeymoon would it be proper to ask for beefsteak and onions?"

CANARY IS PLUMP AND HAPPY

Absent-Minded Woman Discovers Why She Wanted Telephone Operator to Call Her.

Absent-minded persons sorely try the patience of girls in the New Rochelle telephone office. Not long ago a woman confessed herself subject to extreme forgetfulness and requested the day operator on her exchange to ring her up every morning at nine o'clock. A week later she said:

"Central, what was it I wanted you to call me for at nine o'clock?"

"I don't know," said the girl. "You didn't tell me. You just asked me to call at nine o'clock."

"Too bad," said the woman. "I know there was something I wanted to do every morning at nine o'clock, but I can't for the life of me think what it was."

The nine o'clock calls continued, however, and several days later the woman took central into her confidence again.

"I have found out why I wanted to be called," she said. "A friend had given me a canary and I wanted to make sure of remembering to feed it. The poor little thing is nearly starved. Hereafter when you ring won't you just say, 'Feed the bird,' and I'll go straight and do it."

Central promised, and the neglected canary is now a plump and contented bird.

WAS SOMETHING LIKE A RUN

Munchausen Tells About a Bit of Sprinting He Witnessed in Scotland.

"Talkin' about runnin'," remarked Hon. Ananias Munchausen, "about the finest bit of sprintin' I ever saw was up in Scotland the shootin' season before last. I'd been out all day deer-shootin', and had had most awful luck when I spied a whoppin' great buck about eighteen hundred yards away. Takin' a careful sight, I let fly. But, bless your soul, the instant my bullet touched him, and before it had time to penetrate his hide, that beast was off like a flash!"

"I never saw two such evenly matched things as that deer and my bullet. For over half a mile they sped on together, neither gainin' on the other, the bullet just managin' to keep in touch with the deer's skin. At the end of a mile, however, the pace began to tell on the deer, and he faltered just for a moment. 'Twas fatal. The bullet sped on, and the poor beast keeled over. He deserved his freedom if ever an animal did. He'd have got it, too, if he could have stuck out for another twenty yards, for that's about as far as my rifle carries."

Six Years Building a Clock.

Twenty thousand minute pieces of wood entered into the construction of an elaborately ornamented Notre Dame cathedral clock made by James Calway of Showbegan, Me. This clock, which is finely carved, stands seven feet and ten inches in height and took Mr. Calway six long years to complete.

In the upper story six folding doors open every ten minutes and the apostles appear marching in time to an air played by a large music box that is governed by the clock, each one bowing before the Savior as they pass, except the fourth one (which represents Peter), who turns his back upon the Savior, and the devil comes out of the top of the clock and blows a trumpet in honor of Peter.

The second story is in the form of a mansion with double doors in front which also open every ten minutes. Lazarus appears at the rich man's door and on bearded knees asks for charity, the dogs licking his sores, and the rich man stands in the door swinging his arm as if he were throwing crumbs from his table. All these movable figures are run by machinery connected with a time movement, so as to work on the minute. The bottom story is a very elaborately designed foundation of fine inlaid work—Scientific American.

Raising Cotton.

Ever since the United States blocked the southern ports early in the Civil war European countries have been trying to raise cotton in their Asiatic and African possessions. In half a century they have not succeeded in doing enough to make any particular impression upon the world's cotton markets. This area of the Nile valley is very limited. Cotton of a short staple is raised in India, but only in a moderate amount, and the culture shows little tendency to increase. Russia has long produced in her Asiatic possessions a moderate amount of cotton, and the little dispute over passports for American Jews increased the desire of Russia to reduce its imports from this country, to which end the minister of agriculture has just visited central Asia, but he has returned convinced that little can be done to increase cotton culture.

The Kentucky Cardinals.

Redbirds, known technically as Kentucky cardinals, were never known to be so plentiful as this spring, and it is no unusual thing to see gangs of ten to fifteen at one time. Heretofore they have been seen only in pairs, a male and a female. The male is a beautiful bird of bright red, the female being of a more brownish tinge.

Couldn't Escape.

Clinton—Did you get in without your wife hearing you last night? Clibleigh—No; and I didn't get in without my hearing her, either.

QUEER FISHES OF THE SEA

Those That Live Down in the Deep Are Grotesque and Chimerical.

Cuba ends to the south in a huge hammer of mountains 8,000 feet high and steeping sheer into the sea. The wall does not end there, but continues its precipitous descent into the 700-mile-long abyss called Bartlett's deep. This gigantic submarine valley is nearly four miles deep and 50 miles wide.

At a mile and a half, the pressure of the water is nearly two tons to the square inch; the ooze that comes up from such a depth, though the equator runs overhead, is cold as hoar frost; it is ten times certain that no vegetation can grow there.

As in our world none but the vegetables are able to make food, it ought to follow that in the depths of the sea there should be no animal life. As a matter of fact, these glooms are inhabited by the most grotesque and chimerical of all fishes. It would seem as though in the darkness life had taken every imaginable license to be ugly and bizarre. Cannibalism is evidently the only method of life, and its equipment runs to every kind of extravagance.

There are fish with teeth so long that they cannot close their mouths, fish that draw their stomach over prey larger than themselves, fish with no more mouth than a leech, and getting their living as leeches, fish with huge, myopic eyes, and fish frankly blind. Probably none of them comes from depths quite beyond the region of light, though a great many of them go poking about their ghoulish business furnished with lanterns of the glow-worm type.

BLACK BREAD OF GUETERSLOH

How Bismarck Started Craze for Westphalian Pumpernickel and Made Fortune of Bakers.

Guetersloh was a town of some fifteen hundred inhabitants some eighty years ago when, one day during the maneuvers, a young lieutenant took up his quarters there. This lieutenant came from Pomerania, where they also make black bread of fine quality, but he liked better the peculiar flavor of the Westphalia article. His name was Bismarck.

In the year 1870 Bismarck was again traveling through Guetersloh, this time as chancellor. King William was with him. When the train stopped the prime minister called out genially to the crowd that had come to meet them:

"Is there any one who can get us some pumpernickel with butter?"

As a number of reporters were present when this query was made the fortune of the Guetersloh black bread was made, and it speedily became the fashion all over Germany. The craze for Westphalian pumpernickel spread far and wide, cunningly furthered by the bakers who now baked for export only small one-pound loaves, for the purpose of making it look "more like a delicatessen," as they say.

The bakers of Guetersloh were worldly wise, for from the same kneading-troughs there go into the oven first the huge loaves (certain of these that go to the farm-houses often weighing half a hundredweight) and then, shaped of what is left, the tiny loaves that are wrapped in paper and exported to all parts of the world to be sold at a delicatessen.

Brief Willis.

Probably the briefest document ever probated as a will was a signed and dated memorandum, "Everything is Lou's," written by decedent in a railway train record book kept by him; his widows' name being Lula. The instrument was held to be sufficient as a holographic will, however, in Smith v. Smith, 70 Southeastern Reporter, 491, by the Virginia supreme court of appeals. A note reading: "Dear Old Nance: I wish to give you my watch, two shawls, and also \$5,000. Your old friend, E. A. Gordon"—was sustained as a will in Clark v. Ramsom, 50 California, 505; and a dated and signed memorandum, "Mrs. Sophie Loeper is my heiress," was upheld in Succession of Shrenberg, 21 Louisiana Annual, 230.—The Docket.

Made a Good Guess.

A gentleman was watching a military funeral passing down the street. It was a very pretentious affair, and he walked to the edge of the curb to get a better view of the spectacle. Just then the flag-draped cannon passed, bearing the flower-laden coffin. His curiosity was all the more aroused, so he stepped up to a newsboy, who was watching the procession, and asked:

"Who's dead, sonny?"

The newsie looked at his questioner and then at the passing troops and finally said:

"I don't know, boss; but I guess it must be the feller under all dem flowers!"

Glaciers Caused by Milky Way.

Another suggested cause of glacial periods is that they have been due to the shifting of the milky way, such as is known to have occurred.

Assuming that much of the earth's heat comes from the stars, Dr. Rudolf Spitaler finds that the change of position in relation to the milky way might have given a different distribution of temperature from that existing at the present time. The stars are not only crowded in the region of the milky way but many of them are of the hottest type.

SKUNK'S WEAPON OF DEFENSE

So Awful Is the Effects of Its Spray That No Living Thing Will Attack It.

The skunk is about the size of a large cat, and so awful is the effects of its spray that no living thing, unless by mistake, will attack it, and in consequence it is quite fearless, and will hardly get out of the way of man. Mr. Hudson, who has had experience of it in South America, tells of how a foolish eagle vulture, pressed by hunger, tried to seize the menacing tail, but immediately afterwards began staggering about with disheveled plumage, tearful eyes and a profuse woebegone expression on its vulture face.

After a dog has once experienced those few dreadful drops of perfume, it will hardly ever be induced to attack the little beast again. But if, after much persuasion and banter, a poor canine, bolder than the average, is urged to the attack, and can seize the skunk by the back, then the victory may lie with the dog, but if the spray reaches the dog before it can do this, it will fall down as if shot, and not recover for days.

A drop on a man's coat will render it quite useless for further wear. For the preservation of life man has developed brain, the elephant its tusks, the tiger its claws and teeth, the deer its fleetness of foot, the snake its poison, the stinging nettle its sting, the bush its thorn and the skunk its drops of horrible odor, so powerful that it tortures the olfactory nerves past endurance, and pervades the whole system like a pestilential ether, nauseating one, until sea-sickness seems almost a pleasant sensation in comparison.

SUREST TEST OF OLD AGE

Don't Look at Your Face for the Signs of Time's March—Watch the Heart.

The dear little old lady was just as cross as she could be!

All because the old-fashioned conductor had said: "Be careful. Watch out, grandma. Don't get off the car till it stops."

It was probably the first time that from the lips of a stranger came the verdict that the world had begun to look upon her as an old lady.

She must have known that her shoulders were a bit stooped—but old? No, not just in the prime of life, and the very idea of that man calling out: "Watch out, grandma!"

But after all, what matters what the conductor said? There is a rumor of inner consciousness that should tell one if one is growing old.

"Don't look at your face to see if age is creeping on. Watch the heart. Beware of allowing care to make crows' feet there."

Oliver Wendell Holmes summed up the philosophy of life when he said: "I am seventy years young today." Every birthday should see one's heart younger. The only way to keep from growing old is to keep growing young. The only time to begin growing young is before one begins to grow old.

There are mental attitudes and limping worse than those of a faltering foot. There are aches and pains caused by selfishness and narrowness much worse than those of rheumatism. Begin this moment to grow young.

Some Time to Wait.

One evening an Irishman chanced to drop into a quiet meeting house of the Quakers, and being rather astonished as to what manner of place it was, resolved to remain quiet and listen. He behaved with remarkable decorum until a broad brim, no doubt moved by the spirit, informed his hearer: "I have married a wife," evidently being about to use this as a text. Pat was excited and called out, "The devil ye have."

This interruption rather confused the young man, but he continued: "I have married a daughter of the Lord." This was too much for our Emerald Islander, who exclaimed: "Sit down, ye spalpeen! It'll be a long time before ye see your father-in-law."

On Boston Common.

Comparatively few people know that there was once a "spinning school" on Boston Common. Winsor's "Memorial History of Boston" records that upon the arrival in Boston of some Irish spinners and weavers a spinning craze took possession of the town, and the women, young and old, high and low, rich and poor, flocked into the spinning-school, which for want of better quarters, was set up in the Common, in the open air. Here the whirr of their wheels was heard from morning to night. Thirty-five years later the Society for Encouraging Industry and Employing the Poor again used the Common as a spinning school, about 300 young women appearing there.

Laborer Finds Old Coins.

A laborer working on the Jericho turnpike at Commack, L. I., dug up a bag of old coins. Within a minute other diggers were fighting for possession of the coins. The bag was rescued, with half its contents gone, by William O'Brien, foreman of the gang. Some of the coins were dated 1762. None was of earlier date than the early part of the eighteenth century.

The Opportunity.

"Here's a new sect started that claims it can cure ill by the laying on of hands."

"I wish it would give demonstrations on the small boy."

VALUE OF THE SUNROOM

Wise Woman When Superintending the Building of Her Home Will Add This Apartment.

The wise woman when superintending the building of her home will add a sunroom to the house.

This is a place where the children can gain health. Greenhouses are built to give sunlight to plant life, but the children are allowed to grow in sunless rooms. The sunroom is best when built upon the second floor, facing east and south.

The numerous windows should be built close together and set in a sloping roof.

This room should be arranged so that it is conveniently independent of the rest of the house, in case of illness.

Paint the walls cream, and have the floor parquet. Carpets and rugs should be eliminated from the sunroom. They harbor dust and germs.

Where the floor and wall join, a curve should be made, as in the modern hospitals.

The furniture should be of the simplest; comfortable chairs, sofas and cushions with washable covers should be the rule.

Here, during the spring months, the children can study with particularly good results; and spend all recreation hours in this room.

This is an excellent reason why the sensible woman should set this "trap" to catch a sunbeam."

DIDN'T SAVE OWN LANGUAGE

Filipino Draws Down on His Head Indignation of Amateur Interpreter.

A party of tourists in a small Filipino village were trying to make the native driver of a bull cart understand that they wished their baggage transferred from the bungalow to the railway station at two o'clock in the afternoon. But the native did not seem to comprehend either their gestures or their hybrid language.

Standing near the tourists was a recruit of the United States army, who had been in the "Islands" just a month and was extremely proud of the few words of "Hog Spanish" that he had learned. So he offered his services as interpreter.

"Say, hombre," said he impressively to the Filipino, "when the clock on that steeple yonder strikes two, 'ding-ding,' you get your bull cart, 'moo-moo,' and carry these trunks to the station, 'toot-toot.' Save?"

"No sabe," solemnly replied the native.

"What-at!" roared the interpreter. "Do you mean to tell me that you don't understand your own language?"—Everybody's.

Bird's Nest in Mail Box.

Probably a bird's nest in a rural mail box is a rare thing, if it has ever happened before, but out in Oswego a small bird has taken possession of a mail box and has already built her nest and laid three eggs and it looks as though she would complete her work of hatching and rearing her young.

The particular box picked out by the bird is one that is in use daily and the mail carrier never misses a stop at this box. Mrs. Bird seems to enjoy the idea to have the mail carrier lift the cover of the box and deposit the mail and will sit on her nest as unconcerned as can be. The mail box has been fixed so that it will not close entirely so that the bird may complete the task of rearing her young. It is not known what kind of a bird this is, but it is thought that it is a pfebe, being brown of color and about the size of a sparrow and laying sky-blue eggs.—Watertown Correspondent New London Day.

U. S. Dentistry Abroad.

"An American at home, with or without toothache, is not much affected by the sign, 'Painless Dentistry,' but at sight of it in a foreign land he thrills pleasantly," a traveler said. "Its lure is not professional. Every tooth in his head may be perfectly sound, yet if stranded and homesick he welcomes that sign because all over Europe it is a sure indication that somewhere in the neighborhood lives a citizen of the United States. From the northernmost towns of Norway and Sweden to the boundaries of Sahara the words 'Painless dentistry' are likely to hit you in the eye at the most unexpected turning. Usually they are followed or preceded by 'American,' but that qualifying term is entirely unnecessary."

Lawyer for the Apaches.

One Paris lawyer has had his name struck off the rolls because it was discovered that he acted as the regular legal adviser to the "apache" fraternity, from which he drew \$5,000 annually in fees. One day he was engaged to defend an apache in a suburban court.

His client was not satisfied with the lawyer's procedure in the case, and after a heated argument outside the court the client threw the lawyer into the River Marne.

The Real Grievance.

Friend—You've got to admit there's nothing in Tripoli worth fighting for. Italian Diplomat—Certainly.

Friend—Then why do you want to keep on fighting? Italian Diplomat—We've got to punish the Turks for giving us the impression that there was.—Satire.

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LIVE STOCK NOTES.

An occasional colt or young horse to sell, even when one is not making a business of raising horses, is a help to any farmer.

The steady decline in the number of sheep grown in this country leads the thoughtful to wonder how long it will be before these useful animals shall disappear from this continent.

The pure bred sire and a dam of the same type of as good blood as it is possible to get will usually bring a desirable colt.

Don't make changes in feed of ewes near lambing time. Clover or alfalfa hay, wheat bran and linseed meal are safe. Corn is unsafe. Avoid it.

Properly handled and cared for, the farm mare can do nearly as much work while raising the colt as she would otherwise.

Just a few hours of exposure to a driving windstorm will chill lambs so that they never will be quite so good afterward.

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A STOIC'S VIEW OF LIFE.

All life is slavery. Let each man therefore reconcile himself to his lot, complain of it as little as possible and lay hold of whatever good lies within his reach. No condition can be so wretched that an impartial mind can find no compensations in it. Small sites, if ingeniously divided, may be made use of for many different purposes, and arrangement will render even so narrow a room habitable. Call good sense to your aid against difficulties. It is possible to soften what is harsh, to widen what is too narrow and to make heavy burdens press less severely upon one who bears them skillfully.—Seneca.

SAVING THE BABY PIGS.

Care of the Breed Sow and Her Litter at Farrowing Time.

In the early spring before the sows farrow I grind two bushels of corn and four bushels of oats together, writes S. E. Jennings in the American Agriculturist. I grind the corn largely to get the oats ground, as it is hard to grind oats alone. I think the grinding crushes the hull and the hogs get more out of them, as unground many pass through whole. To this I add 400 pounds shipstuf, 100 pounds tankage, 50 pounds of meal and mix all together. To eight gallons of this mixture I add ten gallons of hot water and then ten gallons of cold and feed to twenty-five young sows.

I also feed shock corn. The hogs eat some of the blades, and they help them. It saves husking the corn, and the hogs do better than on husked corn. Some of the shelled corn works down through, and the hogs work all day rooting after it, which gives them exercise. When hogs are fed on ear corn they eat and then lie down. The corn fodder keeps them clean.

At farrowing time I watch my hogs closely. At the hundred and eighth to the hundred and tenth day I put each sow in a small pen by herself. I like the A shape house best, as the sows cannot lie on the pigs. When it is very cold I place a lantern in the top of the A shape house, and it keeps them warm. It also gives light. I do not think a sow will lie on as many pigs if a lantern is kept burning about three nights until the pigs can get out of the way of the sow. I find more pigs are killed at night than in the daytime.

When the pigs first come I place them one by one in an old tub with old carpet in it and a place over the top. I keep them away for two hours and then let them nurse. I am careful to see that all get an equal share and take them away again. I do this about three times, and by that time the sow will be very quiet. By doing this I usually can save the whole litter. I do not feed the sow much for about three days. After that time she is allowed about all she will eat after the tenth day if the pigs are all right.

Sometimes a sow's feed will all go to flesh and the little pigs starve. Care must be taken to reduce the fat forming materials and feed something richer in protein. After the pigs are three weeks old a run is made for them. They have their little trough with skim milk and middlings in it. When weaning time comes they are accustomed to their feed and go right on growing without knowing the difference.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Celebrate in Smethport.

—Come to Smethport, early in the morning for our celebration.

—James McGowan has accepted a position at Norwich for the summer.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martindale of Olean, N. Y., a daughter, on Friday, June 28, 1912.

—Miss Mildred Gleason gave a pre-nuptial shower for her sister, Miss Orta, Friday night at their home on Green street.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Comes announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Edna B., to Chas. Edward Walker, of Smethport.

—M. L. Armstrong, who suffered a paralytic stroke a few weeks ago has so far recovered as to be out of doors again, which is pleasing news to all.

—Mrs. V. B. Bouton entertained a party of ladies at bridge whist Monday at the home of Hon. and Mrs. J. W. Bouton on West Main street.

—John Troy of Olean, George Howard and Ghordis Oviatt of this place have leased the McKean farm on Marvin creek and expect to begin drilling soon.

—The members of the I. O. O. F. band presented their instructor, Frank Purdie, with a pair of solid gold cuff links in honor of his birthday anniversary.

—Mrs. Anna Stubenrauch is confined to her home by illness. Miss Octavia Raymer is filling her position at Holmes & Gilliland's office during her absence.

—The seventh annual reunion of the Beckwiths will be held in the grove at Farmers Valley on Wednesday, Aug. 7th. All relatives are cordially invited to be present.

—Noble Clark of Warren and two assistants from Bradford installed a new gas engine in the pump station of the National Transit company on the county farm, last week.

—Ghordis C. Oviatt is the owner of a new E. M. F. automobile, purchased of Ellsha K. Kane. Mr. Kane is not an automobile agent but as he had a surplus of motor vehicles he disposed of this new one to Mr. Oviatt.

—Mrs. Lucy M. Easton of Otto township was taken to the North Warren Hospital for the Insane on Tuesday. She was accompanied by her son, County Commissioner A. R. Cory and Miss Biggins.

—L. Irvin Hellbrum and Miss Marion Hafner, both of Sagamore, Pa., were united in marriage on Tuesday, June 25, at Bradford, Pa. Miss Hafner was a former high school student of Smethport and is well known here.

—The Buffalo Automobile Club has given out the warning for automobilists to steer shy of Salamanca, claiming that the authorities of that place are over-diligent in holding visitors down to an unreasonably slow speed limit and that the victims arrested are heavily fined.

—Paddy Crawford of Kane, who is a telegraph operator, was knocked off a Pennsylvania train at Warren last Thursday, sustaining a broken leg and several fractured ribs. He attempted to get on the train after the vestibule had been closed and was struck by the end of the bridge while hanging on the side.

—Kane is making an effort to have a trolley line in that place and the Republican wants it extended to Mt. Jewett. Why not go a step further and continue to Smethport? Kane is the second largest place in McKean county and yet the transportation accommodations between it and the county seat and other large towns in the county are of the poorest at best and abominable in the winter.

—The Sartwell correspondent to the Eldred Eagle says: The death of James Phalin, Sr., occurred at his home here Wednesday afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis. He was stricken nearly two weeks ago and was thought to be improving when his sudden demise occurred. Deceased was aged 72 years and a veteran of the Civil war. He leaves, besides a host of friends, a wife and family to mourn his loss.

—Warrants were issued last week before Justice Olansted, of Connersport, for the arrest of George C. Bayless, Stanley Bayless and F. N. Hamilton, of the Bayless Pulp & Paper company, on the charge of maintaining a public nuisance in permitting the discharge of poisonous sewerage that has killed all fish in the Susquehanna river immediately below the mill at Austin, and made the locality dangerous to health.

—The Mt. Jewett correspondent to the Kane Republican says: Burglars entered the residence of P. A. Oakes early Friday morning taking a watch and several articles of food, after which they visited the home of August Mellander where they secured in the neighborhood of \$15 in money, also a watch. Members of the family heard the noise and aroused the household, but the intruder escaped. The Central restaurant was also robbed, to what extent is not fully known. Three suspicious characters were arrested but were released later as no evidence being furnished to hold them.

—Garrett P. Serviss, the astronomer and writer says: "I begin to think seriously, but not too seriously, now that we have achieved the navigation of the air by mechanical means, that there only remains the necessity of providing air to breathe and things to eat for man to go to the moon. The first flying machine to the moon will be based on the principle of the pith ball that flies away from the conductor of an electrical machine. When this has been accomplished there only remains to be done what modern chemistry certainly can achieve, that is to fill a strong vessel—a spherical vessel—with enough air and food to sustain man during the flight."

THE BULLY IN PUBLIC LIFE.

When Secretary Hay said that American diplomacy had but two controlling maxims, the Golden Rule and the open door, he spoke with an international mind. The policy of swagger, that of swinging sticks either big or little, and that of threatening to double or treble the military armaments and preparations of some other nation, are not compatible with the possession of an international mind. The political bragart at home is the political bully abroad. Unfortunately, our contemporary American public life offers illustrations in abundance of the unhappy effects of constantly carrying on political discussion, both on the platform and in the press, with the manners of the prize ring and the language of the lunatic asylum. A large part of the American public has become so accustomed to highly seasoned political food that it is no longer satisfied with a merely nutritious political diet. At the moment we are being ruled and represented by the noisy and well organized majorities of minorities, and we are sliding backward in political dignity and political wisdom every hour. When the people as a whole grasp this fact, as they surely will, they will assert themselves with no uncertain voice, and our nation will once more put its feet in the path of progress.—President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia.

FICKLE MAJORITIES.

The omnipotence of the majority and the rapid as well as absolute manner in which its decisions are executed in the United States not only render the law unstable, but exercise the same influence upon the execution of the law and the conduct of the administration. As the majority is the only power which it is important to court, all its projects are taken up with the greatest ardor, but no sooner is its attention distracted than all its ardor ceases, while in the free states of Europe, where the administration is at once independent and secure, the projects of the legislature continue to be executed even when its attention is directed to other objects.—De Tocqueville.

ENDURANCE OF SORROW.

That sorrow is hugely tolerable which gives its smart but by instants and smallest proportions of time. No man at once feels the sickness of a week or of a whole day, but the smart of an instant, and still every portion of a minute feels but its proper share, and the last groan-ended all the sorrow of its peculiar burden. And what minute can that be which can pretend to be tolerable and the next minute is but the same as the last? And the pain flows like the drops of a river or the little shades of time, and if we do but take care of the present minute it cannot seem a great charge or a great burden, but that care will secure one duty if we still but secure the present minute.—Jeremy Taylor.

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HARRY L. BACKUS,
Editor and Prop'r.
Smethport, Thursday, July 4, 1912.

Miss Harriet Quimby, the world's foremost woman aviator, and William A. P. Willard, father of the famous aviator, were killed shortly after 6 o'clock Monday night when Miss Quimby's new Blériot monoplane in which they were making a flight, suddenly turned over at an altitude of 1,000 feet, hurling them into the shallow water of Dorchester Bay. The bodies were driven deep into the mud in the harbor bottom and were extricated with difficulty by men in launches. The water at that stage of the tide was only five feet deep. The horrifying spectacle of the two forms plunging through the air was witnessed by thousands of spectators attending the Boston aero meet.

The Eldred Eagle pertinently remarks: The Sunday schools went on record at Bradford in a resolution advocating the election of a no-license judge in McKean county in 1913. A no-license pledge was also drawn up for voters who agree not to support any judge who does not promise to refuse license to every applicant against whom a remonstrance signed by at least one mother, has been filed, unless he is prevented by court decisions or laws. We have reason to believe there is going to be a shake-up in licenses in this county next year, but we can't see how the prohibition movement expects to tear out a tree by taking hold of one of its topmost twigs. There are two ways in which they could do good and these are, first, to get an act into a law that prevents these mail-order shipping houses from shipping their stuff to anyone who has the price to send for it, and, second, to make treats, or accepting of treats, or selling liquor for treating purposes, unlawful. We contend that if a man wants a glass of liquor he should have a freeman's right of getting it, and, as long as it is sold publicly, a public place should be provided under lawful restrictions, where he can get it, the same as any other poison can be purchased. This drying a town or county up simply to let adjoining districts send in the stuff, looks like going at the real question from the tail end first.

Bradford Era: Recently the Era received a letter in which Theodore Roosevelt was denounced as a demagogue, an enemy to the nation and an all around rascal. The letter was written, evidently under an impulse of political anger and was unnecessarily severe on the strenuous colonel. Roosevelt has done many things which have deserved criticism—but who is above criticism? All men are liable to make mistakes and Teddy is not an exception. If one could be fair in judging men's acts much might be found therein to commend. In the case of Roosevelt when a person wishes to be just about matters many things may be cited in his favor. Even those who differ with Roosevelt at present were willing to concede, only a short time ago, that he, as President, was a man of great achievements. They then took pride in commenting on such work in his administration as the following:

1. Conservation of National Resources:
 - Extension of Forest Reserves.
 - National Irrigation Act—next in importance to the Homestead Act.
 - Steps toward improvement of waterways, and reservation of water-powers for national benefit.
2. Railroad and Industrial Legislation:
 - Hepburn Rate Act.
 - Employers' Liability Act.
 - Safety Appliance Act.
 - Regulation of the hours of labor of railroad employees.
 - Establishment of a Department of Commerce and Labor.
 - Pure Food and Drugs Act, Federal meat inspection of packing houses.
3. Enforcement of the Law:
 - Northern Securities case.
 - Conviction of public land thieves.
 - Conviction of postoffice grafters.
 - Many successful suits, civil and criminal, against railroad rebaters, etc.
4. Improvement of the National Defenses:
 - The navy doubled in strength and increased in efficiency.
 - State militia brought into co-ordination with the army.
5. Dependencies and Foreign Relations:
 - Acquisition of the Canal Zone and active work on the Panama canal.
 - Development of civil government in the Philippines.
 - Development of trade in the Philip-

Second intervention in Cuba and re-establishment of Cuban government. Reorganization of the finances of Santo Domingo. Establishment of better relations with the republics of South America. Settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute. The Root-Takahira agreement. Negotiation of several important arbitration treaties to avoid war. Reorganization of the consular service. The treaty of Portsmouth between Japan and Russia. Settlement of the coal strike of 1902 by the former President's intervention. This list could be extended to some length, but the above will suffice for the purpose in view. It is printed merely to call attention to the fact that much may be said in Roosevelt's favor by those who are willing to give him credit for his achievements.

DEMENTED MAN DISAPPEARS.

Milo Caffo of Potter County mysteriously disappeared last week. The Potter Democrat says: Wednesday afternoon word was received here that Milo Caffo who lives on the Coats farm, up Dingman Run from the tannery, had left his home clad only in his lower garments and a gauze undershirt, in an unusual way. After dinner he had taken his axe and a trailing rope to the woods back of the house to cut some wood. He returned shortly after and his wife noticed that he did not appear natural. She suggested to him that he lie down for a while, but he slipped out of the house without her knowledge, and has not been seen or heard from. When his absence was noticed, search was made by the family and upon their failure to find him an alarm was sent in, and in a short time a number of men in charge of Rev. D. S. Sheehan were scouring the woods in the immediate vicinity of the house. Yesterday morning a large number of men were assembled who at this writing are conducting a systematic search of the woods which extends for more than five miles west of the Caffo home.

The family consists of a wife and four boys, all of whom are on the verge of collapse in their anxiety for the fate of their husband and father. Louis, the oldest boy, who is employed in Port Allegany, was notified and is conducting a systematic search of a portion of the forest.

The fact that the man left bare headed and so scantily clad tends to the belief that he is in the woods, demented by the extreme heat of Wednesday afternoon, for there are but few roads that he could travel that are not provided with telephones and the alarm is so general that if seen his people would receive immediate notice.

The conditions surrounding his disappearance are so strange and unusual that the public is much concerned as to what may have been his fate.

W. H. McQUOWN KILLED.

Met With a Fatal Accident Last Thursday Afternoon.

William Harry McQuown, who was injured at the Tuna Manufacturing Co.'s plant, Thursday afternoon, died Sunday at 10:30 a. m., at the Bradford hospital, without having in the meantime regained consciousness. He was 43 years and 6 months old.

M. McQuown was formerly an employee at the plant, being an expert woodworker and had been called in to help temporarily, at the Tuna company's force. He was engaged in turning the bottom part of a wooden pillar, on a lathe. The wood was being rapidly turned and suddenly split into three parts. One of the pieces was hurled with great force from the lathe and striking against the wall rebounded, hitting the man near the top of the head and felling him to the floor. He was unconscious when other men of the mill reached him and he was hurried to the hospital. It was there discovered that a severe fracture of the skull had taken place. The broken section of the bony structure removed from Mr. McQuown's head measured about two and a half by one and a half inches. He had no chance for recovery. His strength gradually waned and finally the inevitable came at the time stated above. The deceased is survived by his widow, who, as a consequence of impaired health and her present bereavement, is nearly prostrated at this time.—Bradford Era.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Smethport, Pa., for the week ending June 29th, 1912:
Behen, Mr. M.
Fletcher, Miss Emma
Whanton, Mrs. D.
Persons calling for these letters please say "Advertised." All unclaimed letters are sent to the Dead Letter Office two weeks from date of advertising.
J. C. GALLUP,
Postmaster.

Charles Studebaker, aged 44, is making a 4,000-mile tramp.

Tuesday noon, Charles Studebaker, 44 years of age, arrived in town, pushing a two-wheel cart containing a gasoline stove, cooking utensils, bedding, provisions and tools, and accompanied by a small dog as sole companion. Mr. Studebaker is a noted pedestrian of Paulding, O., which place he left on April 4, and is now on his 25th annual 4,000-mile endurance trip. The object of the trip is to prove that a man of good health and over 45 years of age can endure more hardships than a man under 45. Mr. Studebaker is a hardy, healthy and sturdy German, who states that he has maintained the best of health throughout his journey, making an average of 25 miles daily and troubled by only one affliction, that being "stomach trouble three times a day." He further stated that good health depends entirely on the diet, and that he lived on cocoa, rye bread and very little meat. To show that he is actually making the journey he is obliged to report to the following of Scioles: Postmaster, mayor, marshall, justice of the peace, or newspaper reporters. After leaving Paulding he must have papers to show that he has been in the following cities en route: Cincinnati, Erie, Mayville, Chautauque, Jamestown, Salamanca, Olean, Williamsport, Baltimore, Covington, Cincinnati, thence to Paulding. On this trip he must not beg, but must make his living selling postcards. He is allowed to accept any presents or collections like provisions, money, etc. On the whole, Mr. Studebaker is a picture of health, and radiates with a full enjoyment of out-of-door life. Bronzed and toughened by the sun and changing weathers he is an ideal model, as the result of Nature's medicine. Upon reaching Eldred Mr. Studebaker had traveled 986 miles, over Ohio and Pennsylvania soil principally, a small distance being in New York. He stated that it was his intention to travel through this state into Washington, D. C.; Virginia, Kentucky and back before reaching Paulding, O., if possible. He will, at the close of this trip, write and publish a book and he is asking for information to help on his scientific mission.—Eldred Eagle.

A LITTLE GIRL INJURED.

Kane Boys Fire Off Cannon That Had Been Loaded Four Years.

Saturday's Kane Republican says: Yesterday afternoon while Mrs. Jane McAvoy, living on Welsh street, was away from home, her son, Robert, and Earl Cartwright, living nearby, went to the cellar and got a small cannon which had been there for four years, and contained a load of powder and paper. The boys knew the cannon was loaded and prepared to fire it off in the kitchen, placing same in position to shoot through the open door, after they had lit a small fire cracker and placed in the muzzle of the cannon.

Evelyn McAvoy, aged 12 years, who was standing in front of the mirror combing her hair, received a portion of the charge in her face when the cannon was discharged. Her forehead was burned and it was first thought that her eyes had been destroyed, but we are glad to note that such is not the case; as the little one is up and around, but is wearing smoked glasses. After the girl was injured she said "take me to grandma's" which the boys did as soon as possible. Drs. Helmbach and Dolan were summoned and before examination they thought the child had been badly injured and she was taken to Helmbach's office in an auto where an examination revealed the fact that the eyes were not seriously injured.

CHILD WITH THREE BODIES.

This Strange Freak Was Born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

The birth at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., of a child with one head and three bodies, is said by physicians to be one of the greatest phenomena in the history of medical science. The child was born to Mrs. Joseph Muckenbaup. Two of the bodies, males, had arms, but were minus legs. These were joined together and both were attached to a twelve-pound normal baby girl at the mouth. To save the girl the surgeons severed the pipe which attached the males to the female, and in so doing were compelled to remove a portion of the female child's tongue. The abnormal bodies attached to the normal child were alive and breathing, taking air through the tube which connected with the normal child's mouth. To save the normal baby the surgeons sacrificed the lives of the others. The operation was performed on the kitchen table in the Muckenbaup home very soon after birth. Poughkeepsie physicians who are studying the case believe that the living child has three brains. In with event they figure that it will

be killed by artificial means, but is thriving and the doctors believe that it will live.

GOD GIVE US MEN!

"God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office does not kill, Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy, Men who possess opinions and a will, Men who have honor, men who will not lie, Men who can stand before a demagogue And scorn his treacherous flatteries without winking. Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog, In public duty and in private thinking. For, while the rabble with their thumb-worm creeds, Their large professions and their little deeds Mingle in selfish strife; Lo! freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land, and waiting justice sleeps." —ANON.

FARMERS VALLEY NEWS.

A severe frost here Monday morning destroyed many garden and field crops. What was most peculiar was that some gardens were totally destroyed and others only partly, while in the same rows one hill would be totally killed and another remain uninjured.

Work on the gas well being drilled on the McQuade place was suspended this week on account of scarcity of water. New arrangements are being made to continue work.

Mable Galpin and Edna Ferman walked from Olean to Farmers Valley last Thursday and were present at the social at Stull & Mosier's hall in the evening, which was being held for the benefit of the U. B. church.

Carl Tanner is having a cement walk built in front of his house. William Tanner of Smethport is assisting him.

If we do not get rain soon the crops of grain and hay will be a failure. Much damage has already been done.

J. J. Smith has supplied a water tank for irrigation on his farm.

Miss Winifred Roeder, who has been in the northern part of New York in company with the secretary of the Foreign Mission, lecturing, and on her return home gave a very interesting talk on China to her friends here, in the church, which was listened to by a large audience. A collection was taken and the proceeds presented to the church.

FOR SUMMER TREATMENT OF BLIGHTED TWIGS.

A prominent fruit grower in Pennsylvania writes to Professor H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, and states, "I just finished thinning my apples, etc., and find a number of short twigs with blossoms that are dead, looking as though they had been burned. May this not be twig blight, as described in the Bulletin of January, 1911; and to save the trees must they be taken off and the cut painted?" The reply of Professor Surface is as follows, and may prove useful to every grower of apple, pear and quince trees, all of which are subject to Twig blight during the summer:

"The short twigs with dead blossoms were doubtless killed by a blight, known as fire blight, twig blight, pear blight, black blight, black flag, etc. This often starts in the way you describe and there is very little to be done for it than to cut out the blighted parts below the point of injury. Where a short twig is blighted back to a larger branch it is best to just take a sharp knife and cut out the blighted piece of twig and paint over the freshly cut surface with paint consisting of asphaltum or pure raw linseed oil and white lead or something else that does not contain turpentine. "It is not always necessary to cut off and paint the blighted parts, as I have frequently seen, short twigs blighted back to larger branches where nothing worse ever came of it. In fact something of the kind is to be seen in almost every apple tree, but in pear trees, especially the Bartlett, it is liable to become worse and it is also very bad in quince. The trouble is that as long as there are any blighted twigs and blight germs still remaining there is danger of infection for all the apple, pear and quince trees that you have."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Cella A. Sprague, deceased. Letters of Administration on the estate of Cella A. Sprague, late of Kautzville township, McKean county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to U. T. Chase, residing in said township, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands will make the same known without delay. Smethport, Pa., May 27, 1912—Gt.

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McKean County Miner

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Smethport, Thursday, July 4, 1912.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Mrs. Burg Chadwick entertained a six o'clock dinner last Friday evening.

Rain is so badly needed in this section that it would almost be welcome on the Fourth of July.

Dr. Burg Chadwick has had the out of his building brightened with coat of paint. Engstrom Brothers did the work.

The road from here to Ormsby is in unusually fine condition, owing to the persistency of Ed. McKean, who has charge of it.

The Olds Rod and Gun Club have recently made a good wagon road into their camp on Robbins' brook, as well as several other improvements.

"The Sugar Bowl," located in the side block had a grand opening last night which was largely attended. The proprietors gave carnations to all of their guests.

The Citizens' band went to Norcross last Friday night and gave a concert to the people of that place, which was greatly enjoyed. The members of the band report an excellent trip.

There will be Communion service at Sunday morning at the Methodist Episcopal church, and the service will be "Means of Grace." Evening service, 7:30, preaching by the pastor.

The members of the W. C. T. U. East Smethport held an important meeting at the Union church on Wednesday last week. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday of next week, when a large meeting is desired. New members are invited.

E. W. Workley, station agent of the Pennsylvania railroad at East Smethport, is now enjoying a three-months' leave of absence, and his place is being filled by E. M. Evans. Mr. Workley is interested in life insurance and during his vacation he expects to work along these lines.

The heavy frost in this section Sunday night and Monday morning did considerable damage to growing crops. It played rather peculiar pranks. Some gardens were badly damaged while others nearby, equally exposed, were uninjured. And even in the same gardens some parts suffered while others appeared to be untouched.

The Smethport Gas Company is making preparations for winter that are pleasing to their customers. A number of the old wells have been cleaned out, several new ones drilled and this week they made locations for three more new ones—one on Prospect Hill, one on the Bingham lands and the third on the D. C. Young lands south of town.

Geo. W. King and family were greatly relieved Monday night when they received a message from their son, Horace, from Regina, stating that he, his wife and baby and Allen King who are located in that city, had not been harmed by the terrible tornado that struck that place Sunday night. He says that upwards of 50 people were killed and hundreds were injured.

On Friday last an oil line crossing Marvin creek near Hazebur broke and let a lot of oil on that stream. A gang of workmen tried to dispose of the oil by burning it and in so doing the bridge across Marvin creek at the H. L. Burlingame farm was destroyed when the burning oil got away from them, thus inconveniencing a great many people. We understand the oil company will replace the bridge and adjust the other damages immediately.

Mrs. Dora Kelley of Warren, Pa., aged 66 years, dropped dead on Bennett street, Bradford, last Friday night shortly after eleven o'clock. While going from the home of one friend to another she was taken ill and got on to the porch of T. H. Lockwood. Members of the Lockwood family saw her and while making arrangements to have her taken to the home of one of her friends she expired.

Leon Scott, of Bolivar, aged 18, had a miraculous escape from a fatal accident at Rock City, Sunday. He was standing on one of the high rocks which had become slippery owing to the rain. When near the edge he slipped and fell off, but fortunately landed in the top of a tree 20 feet below. He climbed down the tree to the ground, escaping with only a few bruises. Had he not landed in the tree, Mr. Scott would have fallen nearly 50 feet. He is very thankful the tree caught him.—Breeze.

On and after July 15 ticket agents all over the country will be compelled to give the exact change, to passengers as a result of an order issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission about a year ago. Compliance with the Commission's order has been postponed several times. It has been the custom to make rates by multiplying the number of miles by the rate per mile and a sufficient number of cents added to make the total end in a cipher of five. Under the rule, the fare must be figured exactly and a ticket sold on that basis. In other words, if it is 34 or 37 cents it cannot be made either 35 or 40 cents as it now is done.

Cornell made a clean sweep in the boat races at Poughkeepsie on Saturday, winning the varsity eight, the freshman eight and the varsity four-oared races with comparative ease. The Ithacans led in the varsity by about four lengths, with Wisconsin second, Columbia third, Syracuse fourth, Pennsylvania fifth and Leland Stanford last. Cornell added further laurels in the freshman eight-oared race by winning over Wisconsin by 1 1/2 lengths. Syracuse was third, Pennsylvania fourth and Columbia fifth. In the varsity fours Cornell fought it out with Columbia, winning by a length and a quarter.

When the Bell Telephone and the Western Union Telegraph in this place were placed under one head we were given and published a statement to the effect that it would improve the local telephone service inasmuch as one could send or receive a telegram at any time night or day. But in the statement it seems we misstated the facts even though the printed advertisements in the telephone books bears out our original statement. Tuesday evening, shortly after nine o'clock, a well-known business concern attempted to send a night letter, but it was refused at this office with the statement that we have no night operator here and that the Bradford telegraph office was closed. The Telephone company ought to correct their advertising or set their local operators right on this matter, as the case may be.

A Ceres correspondent says: Bert Krone, 26 years old, and a well known farmer, was drowned in Oswayo creek Wednesday. He had been at work in the field of his farm near Ceres, this county. About 11 o'clock he left his horses in the field and went to the creek to swim. When he did not return for dinner his wife became anxious and went in search of him. She found his clothes on the bank of the stream, and immediately started a searching party. Late in the afternoon the body was recovered from the creek. It is believed that the young man was seized with a cramp, at the water is not deep at this point. A ten-year-old boy who was working in a field nearby said he heard cries from the direction of the creek about noon, but paid no attention to them. Krone was married only four weeks. He was a resident of Cuba until last fall, when he purchased the farm near Ceres.

PERSONAL MENTION.

O. J. Hamlin was a Bradford visitor Tuesday.

Miss Mate Connolly was a Kane visitor Friday.

Hon. T. A. Morrison was a Bradford visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Frank McCarthy was in Kane Friday on business.

Miss Cassidy of Ormsby was a Smethport visitor Saturday.

A. N. Heard of Bradford was a Smethport visitor Monday.

John Keating of Clermont was a Smethport visitor Tuesday.

H. H. Redfield was a New York

visitor the 24th of the week.

Miss Ethelora Colegrove is home from Coudersport for the Fourth.

Wallace Bleett of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of friends in this place.

Miss Rose Allen returned Saturday from a two weeks' visit at Bradford.

D. M. Cooper returned Friday from a business trip through West Virginia.

Anthony Laley of Bradford was calling on relatives in town Monday evening.

Mrs. F. J. Shattuck of Linesville is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Backus.

Mrs. Fred Lyman is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Roy Martindale, at Olean.

Howard Wilson is the guest of friends and relatives at Salamanca this week.

John Hilton and Miss Hilton of Bradford were Smethport visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Cunningham and Miss Helen Cassidy of Olean are the guests of friends in town.

Mrs. Frank Dunbar of Olean is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gerritt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haley have returned from a visit with friends at Buffalo and Olean.

William Lindsley was the guest of his brother, S. R. Lindsley, from Friday until Monday.

Mrs. John Voorhees returned home Friday from the Kane Summit hospital much improved in health.

Mrs. Claude Shattuck and Miss Ruth Walker, who have been Buffalo visitors, returned home Friday evening.

Mrs. W. L. Hammar, Mrs. S. F. Redfield and Mrs. J. V. McAlpin returned home Saturday from Syracuse, N. Y.

Judge J. W. Bouton, John Forrest and Geo. W. Mitchell returned Monday evening from a fishing trip in Canada.

Hon. Robert W. Hilton who has been at Baltimore, Md., attending the Democratic national convention, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rubin, Harry Rubin and Miss Stella, autoed to Kane Sunday and were the guests of A. Welner and daughters.

Mrs. Kate Wright returned home Saturday from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. F. M. D. Watkins, at Binghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. John Lindholm and Mrs. John Vanblad and daughter, Louise, returned home Friday from a short visit with relatives at Warren.

Lucille and William Miller of New York city are the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Mary Hussey, at the home of V. B. Bouton, on Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Garlick and sons, Bernard and Edward, returned home last Saturday after spending the week with Mr. Garlick's parents at Kaason.

Misses Theo Gifford and Gertrude Scudder of Williamsport are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gifford, on Mill street.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McKiernon returned Saturday from their wedding trip and are the guests of Mrs. McKiernon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Curran.

J. Clayton Backus and Thos. Murray went to Buffalo yesterday and are expected home to-day with a Columbia Silent-Knight touring car for Mr. and Mrs. J. Heber McCandless.

Miss Nell Beach of Ridgway, Pa.; Miss Mary Rosa of Wellsville, N. Y.; and Miss Julia Snow of Greenfield, Mass., all students at Wellesley College, were in Smethport Monday, the guests of Miss Katherine Mayo.

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TIMELY PRECAUTIONS.

How to Properly Care For Food in Hot Weather.

Protection of food after it comes into the house is a matter of vital importance at all times, but is especially urgent in summer, when a few hours of continuous bacterial activity may produce certain malignant poisons, termed ptomaines, in the food supply. Thousands of cases of acute illness are occasioned annually by eating canned meat or fish, due undoubtedly to ptomaines contained in the meat, either before the canning process or that have developed afterward, owing to imperfect sterilization. Canned food is not the only source of this poison. For instance, meat, fish, shellfish and ice cream have been known to cause ptomaine poisoning.

To guard against the degeneration of food after it comes under the housekeeper's care a low temperature, such as a refrigerator furnishes, is of first importance. When this is not available a cool, clean cellar, a spring-house or suspension in a well may be resorted to. When these methods are not feasible all perishable food should be cooked before there is any possible chance of spoiling.

The presence of bacterial life in food caused by decomposition is not the only danger to which it may be subjected. The lodging of even minute quantities of dust on the surface of food left uncovered in kitchen, pantry, cellar or other places where there is a possibility of atmospheric impurities settling upon its surface may carry disease-producing germs into the system. The storage places for food should be clean, well ventilated, dry, as free as possible from dust and of a temperature sufficiently low to discourage decomposition, and all food should be carefully covered. Each article of food has its individual requirements for preservation, and familiarity with these should be part of the special knowledge of every housekeeper.

HOW TO KEEP ICE IN SICKROOM

Mint For Busy Housewife Who Serves as Nurse.

When the busy housewife must also serve as nurse and caretaker in case of sudden illness in the home it is important to understand numerous contrivances in saving steps, especially when catering to the invalid at night. In serving nutriment or refreshing drinks during the "night watch" ice is frequently in demand at a time when it is not convenient to go down to the ice chest for it. A simple device for keeping a small quantity of ice convenient and having it last throughout the night is within the reach of every busy home nurse.

Cut a piece of white flannel about ten inches square. Place this over the top of a tumbler and press it down into the glass about half way or more. Then bind the flannel fast to the top of the glass with a string. Into the flannel cup thus formed place the ice and lay over it another piece of flannel also tied snugly over the top of the glass to exclude the air.

Between these layers of flannel there will be very little melting of the ice, and the slight drip will fall through the flannel cup into the glass, keeping the ice comparatively dry. When a larger quantity of ice is required the same plan may be carried out by forming a larger flannel cup in a bowl. Sufficient ice to last through the night for food, drink or medicine may thus be kept conveniently near the invalid who is able to help herself or handy for the home nurse, who will not have to leave the sickroom whenever ice is required.

How to Enjoy a Vacation.

If you can't have a long vacation take a short one. If you can't leave your work at all manage to make your work conform in some manner to summer standards. Breathe as much as you can, if you enjoy it. Eat out of doors if you can do so in comparative privacy. In this respect homekeeping women are much more fortunate than their brothers and sisters, husbands and fathers out in the business world, because much of their work can be taken out of the stuffy rooms into the air. Fortunately we are all rapidly learning how much of a factor in preserving health this outdoor life may be and how much it will help us to make our summer not only healthful, but happy.

How to Darn.

When you have a large hole to darn first sew a piece of net over the hole, catching it firmly to the edges all around.

Draw the thread in the usual way through the meshes, so that when you darn crosswise you will have a firm foundation and even meshes to darn through.

Adopting this method, no matter how large the hole is, you will have no trouble to darn it neatly and evenly. The work is also very quickly done.

How to Beautify the Bathroom.

An ordinary bathroom can be given a beautiful tiled effect by the following arrangement: Form a high wainscoting of cement, three coats, the first two of ordinary gray and the last of keur cement, which is perfectly white. Before the last coat dries lay it off with a marker in blocks the shape of a face of tile. The cracks thus made can be colored to harmonize with the tinting of the upper walls and ceiling.

How to Melt Chocolate.

Do not take time to grate chocolate. Put the desired amount in a saucepan and place over the top of a teakettle until melted.

Two squares of unsweetened chocolate are equal to a cupful of grated.

DODGED THE TRAP.

The Way Dr. Wayland Was Not Cornered by His Son.

Dr. James H. August tells in his reminiscences the following enjoyable story of his college days at Brown university under the presidency of Dr. Wayland:

"The doctor's son, Herman Lincoln Wayland, one of my classmates, inherited from his father a very keen wit. The passages between father and son were often entertaining to the class. One day, when we were considering a chapter in the father's textbook on moral philosophy, Lincoln rose with an expression of great solemnity and respect and said:

"Sir, I would like to propound a question."

"Well, sir, what is it?" was the reply.

"Well, sir," said the son, "in the learned author's work which we are now perusing I observe the following remark, 'and then he quoted.'"

"The class saw that son was at hand and began to laugh.

"Well, what of it?" asked the father, with a merry twinkle in his eye.

"Why," continued the son, "in another work of the same learned author, entitled 'On the Limitation of Human Responsibility,' I find the following passage:

He quoted again. Clearly the two passages were irreconcilable. The boys were delighted to see that the doctor was in a trap and broke into loud laughter.

"Well, what of it?" asked the doctor, and his eyes twinkled still more merrily.

"Why," said the son, with the utmost gravity, "it has occurred to me that I should like to know how the learned author reconciles the two statements."

"Oh," said the father, "that is simple enough. It only shows that since he wrote the first book the learned author has learned something."

BOUGHT HOUSES ON FIRE.

Quaker Trade That Enriched Cato and Crassus in Ancient Rome.

One of the strangest businesses in ancient Rome is mentioned by Juvenal in his "Satires," and we hear of it also from historians. It consisted of buying houses on fire.

The speculator hurried to the scene attended by slaves carrying bags of money and others carrying tools, judged the chances of salvage and made a bid to the distracted house owners, who were glad to accept anything as a rule. The bargain struck in all haste this earliest of fire insurers set his slaves to work and secured what he could. Sometimes even he put out the flames and so made a coup.

It was a business for capitalists, but the poorest who speculated in a small way could hardly lose if he had presence of mind enough to grasp the chances.

Thus Cato the elder and, above all, Crassus laid the foundations of their wealth. The latter had a passion for such gambling. He gradually collected a force of carpenters, masons and such artificers—slaves, of course—which reached 500 men. Not only did he buy houses on fire, but also, enlarging upon the common practice, he made a bid for those adjoining which stood in danger. His proposals were commonly welcome, so helpless were the people and so great the peril. By this means Crassus became the greatest owner of house property in Rome.

Rudest Man of His Age.

John Hunter, the famous British surgeon, anatomist, physiologist and medical writer, who died in 1793, was one of the rudest men of his age. He returned home late one evening from his round of professional calls and found his wife entertaining a few friends. Grinly he walked into the center of the room, stopped and looked around. "I know nothing of this kick up," he said, "and I ought to have been informed. As I have returned home for the purpose of studying, I hope the present company will retire at once." They retired.

Scotch Rivalry.

Glasgow and Edinburgh are, in the "popular" mind, regarded as rivals eternally contending each other—Glasgow sneering at Edinburgh's "gentle pride" and Edinburgh sneering at Glasgow's "commercial taint" and her smoky, sunless atmosphere. Princes street is regarded by many traveled people as the finest street in the world, but it was a Glasgow man who called it "only hauf a street," because the buildings are all on one side.—London Athenaeum.

Fools the Snakes.

The Bengal goshawk builds a nest shaped like a bottle and always selects for its support a long, lithe limb overhanging a stream of water. The entrance is beneath, and from the situation and peculiar shape, it is absolutely impossible for a snake to gain admission to the nest. One naturalist records seeing fourteen attempts on the part of serpents to get at the nest, but the hungry snakes always fell off into the water.

What Impressed Him.

"What impressed you most in our great city?" asked the native.

"Well," replied the man from the small town, "I've been here for a week and I noticed that nobody wears Sunday clothes on Sunday."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Where the Shoes Pinched.

Visiting Chaplain—Ah, my brother, this world is full of trials. Prisoner—Oh, dry up, gov'nor! Think I dunno that! It ain't the trials I minds; it's the verdicts.—London Sketch.

ADMIRAL VERNON.

He Invented "Grog" and Gave a Name to Washington's Home.

Few Americans are informed as to how Mount Vernon, the home of Washington, received its name.

The unfortunate Duke of Monmouth had a secretary named Vernon, a prudent, sensible man of business, who after the duke's death, found favor in influential quarters and under William III. became a secretary of state. He left a son, Edward, born in 1681, who greatly surpassed his father's wisdom, entered the navy and, serving with distinction, rose to the rank of admiral. In 1722 he was elected to the house of commons, and having, in July, 1734, declared there that Porto Bello might be reduced with six sail of the line, he was sent with a squadron to fulfill his prediction. On returning home successful he received the thanks of both houses and the freedom of the city of London. From that time, however, his star declined. An expedition to Cartagena, made two years later, signally failed.

It was in the land force at Cartagena that Lawrence Washington, George's eldest brother by fourteen years, had served, and apparently he esteemed Vernon, as he gave his name to his home on the Potomac, and procured a shipmaster's appointment for George. His mother's interposition ultimately prevented the boy's availing himself of this appointment.

Vernon's popularity was so great that his unlucky expedition does not seem to have affected it, as he was actually elected to parliament for three places on his return. Probably his known hostility to the government had much to do with this. In 1745 he was detailed to watch the North sea, in view of the movement of the pretender's adherents. The next year a serious squabble arose between him and the government, resulting in his producing two pamphlets that so exasperated the authorities that by the king's express command he was struck off the list of admirals. He died in 1757.

It was Vernon who brought into use the custom of mixing water with the ration of rum, which got the name of grog from his habit of wearing a green waistcoat, and hence his nickname of "Old Grog." To summarize, the man who invented grog is buried in Westminster abbey, commemorated by Smollett and gave a name to Washington's home.

An Awe Inspiring Spectacle.

Of the overpowering magnificence of the sun's corona as seen in a total eclipse some idea may be gathered when it is considered that even matter of fact scientists are stricken speechless with awe in its presence. Sir Francis Galton was once assigned to measure the heat of that strange halo. He recounts that he experienced a feeling of supreme exaltation when he discovered that his instrument was broken and that he would be permitted a few moments in which to revel in the remarkable spectacle. So carried away was he by the glory of the panorama that he even forgot to note down the beginning of the first contact.

Roman Lamps.

Roman lamps were of many sizes, but most of them very closely resembled what is at present denominated a sauce or gravy boat. At one end there was a spout, through which the finger was passed when the light was carried. The body of the vessel was filled with oil, and at the other end there was a small tube, through which a rag wick was passed. When this was lighted the smoke and odor of the rancid fat employed were extremely offensive. Many Roman poets mention the abominable effluvia sent out by the lamps at the feasts.

Punishment For Poisoners.

In ancient Rome poisoning was punished by crucifixion, no matter what the rank of the criminal, although this penalty was usually reserved for slaves. A Roman of respectable station, having been convicted of poisoning his ward, was sentenced to be crucified, but protested against the punishment as unfit for a gentleman. The emperor thereupon ordered the cross to be painted white and otherwise made more presentable than those commonly used. Whether the convict expressed himself as better satisfied is not recorded.

Indolent Rossini.

Rossini was one of the most indolent men that ever lived, yet he wrote operas against time, as it were. "The Barber of Seville," for instance, was written and mounted in less than a month, which fact gave rise to Donizetti's cogent witicism. Upon being informed that Rossini had finished his opera in thirteen days Donizetti replied: "It is very possible. He is so lazy!"

Information Wanted.

"Boy," said the man in No. 28 as the page entered his room, "no over to No. 20 and find out if that lady is moaning or singing. If she is singing ask the clerk to change my room; if she's moaning tell the clerk to send for a physician."—London Tit-Bits.

No Use For Barbers.

Customer in barber's chair—So you haven't heard Von Trumper, the world famous pianist? Barber—No. Does his name mean anything to you, or so I never baritone him.—Exchange.

Not So Enjoyable.

Friend—Your wedding breakfast was a delightful affair. Mr. Honeymoon (with a sigh)—Yes, but we've had other since.

Early and provident fear is the mother of safety.—Burke.

DISHWASHING.

How to Make Usually Unpleasant Task Agreeable.

Dish washing, which is probably the most disliked of all household tasks, may be made a very pleasant bit of work if the proper preparation is made.

First there should be a generous supply of towels, and it will be found best never to use a dish towel more than once without laundering.

There should be more than one kind of wiping cloths used, according to the nature of the dishes. Soft glass toweling should be used for the glass and linen crash for the other pieces.

For washing more variety is required. There should be a mop for use on deep articles, a soft cloth for fine ware, a heavy one for ordinary dishes and a wire dishcloth for iron ware or cooking utensils.

Of course there should be a plentiful supply of hot water, good soap, ammonia or borax, if the water is hard, and two pans, one for the washing and the other for rinsing, with a wire tray or basket to drain.

For the washing fill the pan half full of pleasantly warm water, omit the soap for the glasses and adding instead a little borax or ammonia, making sure that glasses containing milk have been thoroughly rinsed before putting into hot water, as it will be impossible to get them clear otherwise.

Wipe the glasses without letting them drain; as draining is apt to make streaks. Cut glass needs a soft but firm brush, as it cannot be kept clean with ordinary washing.

Silver will not need rubbing so often if a little borax is added to the water in which it is washed, and it should not stand to drain, but be wiped as soon as taken from the water.

Cooking dishes which have been filled with cold water as soon as emptied will be found easy to wash. If food has been left burn in a utensil, if filled with water to which a little lye or considerable soda has been added, you will find most of the blackness has vanished.

When the dishes have been washed then put all the cloths through a wash and hang to dry in the air where the sunlight may find and sweeten them, as it is not possible to keep dishcloths wholesome unless so treated.

And if you value the health and comfort of your family you will observe this injunction about the dishcloths, as it is quite possible for typhoid and other germs to lurk in dishcloths which are carelessly laid aside for next occasion.

How to Get Rid of Dandelions.

There are two ways of opening the campaign against the dandelions this summer. One is to cut them out by hand, and the other and more modern method is to spray the weeds with copperas, an iron sulphate, says Suburban Life.

If you cut the plants out by hand it is necessary to cut well below the crown with a long, sharp knife. It is claimed by weed experts that the weeds do not propagate from the roots as much as from the crown.

To use the iron sulphate or copperas dissolve one and one-fourth pounds of salt to a gallon of water and apply to the lawn with a spray pump. Cover the lawn thoroughly. There will be no injury to the grass. In a couple of weeks apply the spray again and repeat the operation in a fortnight after that.

The grass appears black after treatment, but after being cut once assumes a really richer shade of green than formerly.

How to Make a Dustless Duster.

A number of advertised "dust downs," "dustless sweepers," "no dusts," are on the market, using as an active principle the combination of sand or wood fiber and oils. Sand or fiber acts more or less as a hindrance in the sweeping of heavy carpets or rugs, but this sand is the medium for carrying the oil, hence must be there if the oil is there. Oil is really the "no dust." But, with much less expense and with no chance of sand or sawdust remaining in the texture or crevices of flooring, paper can be torn into bits, moistened by wringing out of water and sprinkled on carpet or rug. Just sufficient moisture remains to hold the dust on the paper, while in no way is there enough moisture to dull or fade the colors of the rug. This paper with its burden of dust is easily burned.

How to Embroider Scallops.

Before beginning to embroider the edges of towels outline the edge of the scallops with a small stitch done on the sewing machine. The button-holing covers the stitching perfectly and gives a very firm edge that is unobtainable in any other way. When padding scalloped edges for toweling use tiny rolls of raw cotton instead of the usual darning cotton. This is sewed in place with fine thread. It makes a very satisfactory and thick padding.

How to Make Steel Like Electroplate.

Take an old India rubber ball and cut it into two. Dip one part in paraffin, then in powdered bath brick. Rub the steel well with this, then polish with the other bit of rubber slightly dusted with the powdered bath brick. The result is a brilliant polish resembling electroplate.

How to Improve the Lamplight.

Before filling the bowl of a paraffin lamp with oil put in a few lumps of sugar. This prevents the lamp smoking, as it absorbs the impurities in the oil. Renew occasionally. The light will be much clearer and burn brighter by this simple method.

FLED FROM HIS BRIDE.

Romantic Story of the Marriage of General Sam Houston.

In "As I Remember—Recollections of American Society During the Nineteenth Century," is a romantic story of General Sam Houston, whose "appearance was patrician and courtesy that of the lubron gentlemen."

"I have spoken of General Houston's appearance. I now wish to refer to his fine sense of honor. He was married on Jan. 22, 1820, to Miss Eliza Allen and separated from her directly after the marriage ceremony in, it is said, the most painful circumstances. The wedding guests had departed and General Houston and his bride were sitting alone by the fire when he suddenly discovered that she was weeping. He asked the cause of her tears and was told that she never loved him, and never could, but had married him solely to please her father.

"I love Dr. Douglas," she added, "but I will try my best to be a dutiful wife to you."

"Miss," said General Houston, even waiving the fact that he had just married her, "no white woman shall be my slave. Good night!"

"It is said that he mounted his horse and rode to Nashville, where he resigned at once his office as governor and departed for the Cherokee country, where and elsewhere his subsequent career is well known. Having procured a divorce from his wife, he married Margaret Moffette in the spring of 1840."

ON THE GREAT WHITE WAY.

How New York's Grill Room Prices Hit the Blue Grass Brother.

After his brother had been in New York a little more than a year a Kentuckian decided to pay him a visit. Hoping to surprise his brother, the Kentuckian did not apprise his brother of his intentions. Arriving at 9 o'clock in the morning, he asked to be directed to a good eating house. The taxicab pilot steered his course for the largest, costliest and most fashionable hotel grill room on Broadway.

Being a stranger in a strange land and hungry, the Blue Grass brother ordered a regular home meal. When he got the check from the waiter its size staggered him. He wasn't accustomed to New York hotel prices.

After verifying the correctness of his bill at the cashier's desk and being insulted by the waiter for tipping him 25 cents, the visitor started out to look for his brother, whose office he found about 1 o'clock.

In response to his inquiry as to his brother's whereabouts a clerk said: "He's over eating at the Blank hotel's new grill room."

"Go slow, friend. Only a millionaire could overeat at the Blank hotel. I know, because I had breakfast there myself this morning."—Louisville Times.

From Jail to the Bench.

Francis Pemberton (1825-97) was imprisoned in the Fleet for debts contracted during a period of youthful extravagance. While in jail he applied himself to the study of law and came to be regarded as a kind of legal oracle by his fellow prisoners, who nicknamed him "counselor." With the fees they gave him for legal advice he bought books to continue his studies. He then prevailed upon his creditors to grant his release from prison that he might the sooner earn money to pay off his debts. Called to the bar in 1854, after a brilliant career in the palace court at Westminster and subsequently in the house of lords, he became a puisne judge. He was knighted in 1875 and ultimately, on the dismissal of Scroggs, was made lord chief justice in 1881.—London Standard.

Spaniards Cut Words.

The most amusing instances of laziness in speaking are to be found in Spain. The Spaniards have made it a practice to cut down every word to an irreducible minimum of sound. Take their word for "son," which is as near as possible "eecho" (eh guttural, as in "echo"). That was originally the Latin "filius." The French made it "fils," the Italians "figlio" (feelyro). The Spaniards could not be bothered with the "f" at the beginning or the "i" in the middle, so they simply pronounced the two vowels with a guttural noise, which comes natural to them, in between—"eecho."—London Mail.

Almost Perfect.

"How are you getting along with your stenography, Bella?" "Splendidly. I've been at it only six weeks and I can write 150 words a minute with perfect ease."

"Then you are ready to look for a job?"

"Er—yes, or I will be just as soon as I've learned to read my notes."—Chicago Tribune.

Paradox.

"Pa, what's a paradox?" "It is when the impossible happens."

"Then we had a paradox here this evening. Ma said you couldn't possibly be expected home before midnight, because you had an excuse for stayin' downtown."—Pittsburgh Post.

Encouragement.

Enthusiastic Golfer—Mon, that's the best game o' golf I've ever played. Sarcastic and Overburdened Caddy—Dinna let that discourage ya.—World of Golf.

HOW TO USE STRAWBERRIES.

Delicious Recipes That May Be Easily Made.

Strawberry Custard.—Make a custard of one and one-half cupfuls of milk, three-fourths cupful of sugar, one or two eggs, two level table-spoonsful of cornstarch and one-half teaspoonful of vanilla. Heat milk in double boiler, then add cornstarch dissolved in a little cold milk; let come to a boil, then add eggs and sugar beaten together very light. Remove from stove and add vanilla. Have ready as many short cups as you wish to serve. Take five strawberries for each cup, cut in halves, lengthwise. In the bottom of each cup place a half nut meat and arrange five pieces of your berries around it to look like petals of a flower. Now pour in the warm custard, leaving room enough to repeat the flower design on top. This may be made early in the day, as it is best served cold. A dainty and easily prepared dessert and especially economical when strawberries are not too plentiful.

Strawberry Ice Cream.—Two quarts of pure cream, fourteen ounces of white sugar. Mix well. Mash one pint of fresh ripe strawberries, sprinkle them with half a pound of fine sugar, let it stand about an hour, strain through a fine sieve or a cloth. If the sugar is not dissolved stir it well. Add a little water. Strain this juice into the cream and freeze.

Do not get the idea that the ordinary housekeeper cannot make these delightful desserts, such as ice cream and water ices. They are easy and when homemade are superior to those purchased at the confectioner's. Use only the best materials—pure cream, ripe natural fruits or good extracts of the same and sugar the purest. These make a perfect ice cream.

To freeze the cream pound up ice two parts, mix with one part coarse salt. Have your ice and salt as high around the outside of the freezing can as the cream reaches on the inside. Begin to stir the cream at once. Stir rapidly and constantly. This is essential to make smooth cream. If the cream is allowed to freeze to the sides of the can without being quickly removed there will surely be lumps of ice through it.

HOW TO GET RID OF ANTS.

Fine Salt Sprinkled on Pantry Shelves a Discourager.

Air slaked lime scattered around the places where ants are apt to congregate is said to be an almost certain remedy. Fine salt sprinkled on the pantry shelves and floor is also a discourager of their attentions, as also tartar emetic combined with an equal quantity of sugar. Put in a saucer with a little water to moisten, adding more if it dries away. Set where the ants are most troublesome. Bacon rinds or other fat meat placed outside on the ground or under the window or near the door where ants are wont to make their entrance will keep them away from the house. Where it is possible to find the out of door holes of the ants boiling water or kerosene poured in the fountain head will do the exterminating job in one fell swoop.

How to Make Quick Campfire.

Drive a forked stake in the ground and upon it plant a green stick with the stub of a branch left on the upper end to hold the handle of a pot or kettle and fasten down the lower end to the ground. The bottom of pot or kettle should clear the ground two feet. Gather wood, partly shave down two or three sticks, but leave shavings on stick. Build wood around in the same way, leaving plenty of air spaces. Light shavings and you will soon have a good fire. By the time the water has boiled for tea or coffee your fire will be a mass of coals, ready for roasting, frying or broiling.

Fire With Wet Wood.—Cut off several sections of candle and light all at once. You will have a steady blaze, which will readily start your wet kindling. Dry roots make an intensely hot fire, with no smoke.

How to Bleach Flannels.

Flannels, after they are laundered for awhile, become yellow. If they are soaked for two or three hours in a lather made of a half cake of white soap, two tablespoonfuls of borax and the same amount of carbonate of ammonia they will get white again.

These ingredients should be dissolved in five gallons of soft water.

Roll the soap in the water until thoroughly dissolved, then add the remainder of the mixture.

Rinse the flannels several times and hang them up to dry. This will not injure the flannels in the least.

How to Keep From Losing Breath.

Where respiration is rhythmical there is no loss of breath in walking fast, running uphill or going upstairs. The method of preventing breathlessness consists in maintaining the rhythm and the speed of respiration. When the breathing is rhythmic the breathing keeps pace with the step. The outbreathing must be twice the length of the inbreathing, and not more than eighteen or twenty complete breaths circuits must be made per minute.

How to Use Sandpaper.

Keep a piece of sandpaper handy to the sink where the dishes are washed. It will prove invaluable.

When a stubborn spot upon a burned kettle refuses to move through the aid of a wire dishcloth use a piece of sandpaper.

It is a splendid aid in cleaning a gas stove. Fold a piece over a knife, and you can quickly remove all grease or dried food that sticks to the corners.

CHEERING IN THE COMMONS

Various Kinds of Applause That Are to be Heard in the British Lower House.

The giving of applause in the British house of commons has attained the dignity of a science. A cheer from a single member is not infrequent, but has little significance unless it comes from an important personage. It is cheering in chorus that constitutes the British demonstration.

The tone of the cheering varies according to the temper of those who cheer. First, there is the hearty, full voiced cheer of genuine approval, resounding, awakening the echoes and full of encouragement.

Next comes the low, subdued cheer, gradually spreading along all the benches, indicating the deep-seated agreement that does not seek vociferous or hilarious expression. This is employed either on solemn occasions or in moments of pathos or in acknowledgment of some confession on the part of an opponent.

Ironical cheering is often heard in the commons. The tone of sarcasm is always unmistakable. Often it is the greeting accorded to an argument or a statement by an opponent, for the formal denying of which there may not be an opportunity. It is hostile but frequently good natured enough. As an intensification of this there is the sarcastic cheer, far sharper and more incisive. Mingled with laughter, it is, from the British standpoint, as disconcerting to the speaker as anything may well be.

MAORI GETS BRAVERY MEDAL

Australian Prisoner Rewarded for Saving the Life of Trooper Who Had Arrested Him.

For the first time since its institution says the London Daily Graphic, the Albert medal has been awarded to a Maori for gallantry in saving life, and the circumstances connected with this heroic act are so extraordinary that they are worth giving in full.

The recipient of the medal is an aboriginal native of the Roper River, Australia named Neighbour, and the story of his brave act is given in the London Gazette in the notice announcing that the king has conferred the medal upon him.

On February 1, 1911, Neighbour, who had been placed under arrest, was being conveyed to the Roper River police station by a trooper of the police force named Johns. The Wilton river, which was found to be in full flood, had to be crossed, and Johns, who was on horseback, and was holding in his hand the neck chain by which Neighbour was secured set the prisoner to swim in front of him, while he followed.

The horse got into difficulties in mid-stream, and before the trooper could clear himself he was kicked in the face by the animal and carried off by the current. Neighbour, instead of using the opportunity of making his escape went to Johns' assistance and brought him ashore with great difficulty and at the risk of his own life.

Didn't Get the Present.

When a three-year-old girl who lives in Twenty-fourth street was advised by her mother that the next day was the day to go to Sunday school, she opened her large, blue eyes wide and rather forlornly remarked, "Every Sunday when they call my name I say 'Present' but they haven't given it to me yet."

In the same Sunday school, not long ago Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall was teaching the Sunbeam class a lesson on King David, and, endeavoring to see how much of her instruction of the previous Sunday had not been lost, asked "Who was our lesson about last Sunday?" No answer. "Don't you remember the handsome young man we talked about?" After a few moments one little hand went up.

"Well Mary?" asked Mrs. Marshall. "I don't remember his name" said Mary, but he was the boy that killed the janitor."—Indianapolis News

Saved the Cat's Life.

A cat that was sunning itself on a platform before a store in Barclay street suddenly arose, stretched and walked to the exact middle of the street where it lay down on the wooden pavement relates the New York Tribune. A truck came rapidly down the street but the driver saw the sleeping animal and turned his team aside. The cat never so much as wiggled an ear. The first vehicle was followed by a second, the driver again avoiding a fatality. Several wagons passed and the cat still remained unscathed. Then a man who had been watching from the sidewalk, picked a banana peel out of the gutter and threw it at the cat, waking it up and sending it scurrying to a nearby doorstep. "A cat has only nine lives," the man said, "and eight wagons have already missed running over it. I thought I had better save its last life before the next truck passed."

Cyclist Chased by Lions.

Two motor cyclists, Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald, the former a magistrate at Mombasa, while returning from the Zomba (Central Africa) coronation ceremonies, were chased for five miles by two lions which showed no fear of the noise made by the engines, and galloped after the motor cyclists with evident determination to kill them.

The lions were finally outdistanced and the riders suffering greatly from nervous strain reached their home in safety.—Livingstonia News

BEASTS ARE GOOD SWIMMERS

Rhinoceros, Elephant, Elk, Reindeer and Most Other Animals Better Than Man in Water.

Nearly all animals are better swimmers than man and take to the water naturally, while he has to learn to propel himself. The rhinoceros and hippopotamus are wonderful swimmers and divers, while the Indian elephant crosses great rivers with heavy loads. The elk and reindeer are first class swimmers. The elk keeps his head above water and crosses directly from bank to bank to avoid turning. The reindeer, on the other hand, turns as often as he likes keeping his head only a little above the surface. But of all swimmers of all climes the best, though not the swiftest, is the polar bear, who passes half his time in the water swimming and diving. His swimming power is nothing short of marvellous if it be remembered that the water in the regions he frequents is invariably cold and that cold is normally prohibitive to good swimming. There are bears that can swim from 40 to 50 kilometers without great effort.

One of the swiftest swimming animals is the squirrel. A sportsman on one occasion having at hand a squirrel born in captivity, which had never seen water, wanted to see if it could swim, and took it with him in a row-boat to the center of a lake. The squirrel turned toward the bank, head and paws above the water, back and underneath it, and began to swim so rapidly that it was with the greatest difficulty that the man recovered it when it neared the shallow water near the land. It is said that even many non-aquatic birds will swim like ducks if an attempt be made to drown them.—Harper's Weekly

HOME A CENTER OF SERVICE

Old Time Ideals of Hospitality Should Be Maintained So Far as Possible.

The ideal home is not self-centered. It is a center of service. So far as circumstances will permit, the old time ideals of hospitality should be maintained in wise and uplifting ways the home should be shared. It is a good practice to invite young people who are away from home. It relieves loneliness, discouragement and temptation. Remember it is—

Not what we give, but what we share. The gift without the giver is bare.

The home is the bulwark of civilization. Within the extreme limits of wealth and poverty a home may be good or bad, irrespective of social position or property.

Our homes are what we choose to make them. It is a question of what we admit and what we keep out of them. Our best selves and the best we have to give should go into the home life, and to a large degree determines the character of children. The home tends to make us better or worse. Thus the home becomes the chief factor in determining the character of the community and the nation. The trend of our times is away from the home into the countless amusements and interests of modern life.

Where a Bath Comes High.

"There are some things about a trip through Holland that you recall when stopping at one of our modern hotels," says an American recently returned from a trip abroad. "In many places in that interesting country the hotels are run as they have been for ages and candles still are the vogue."

"Rooms with bath are unknown. Instead they charge you about 40 cents in American money for a bath. You ask for the privilege of using the tub and they send up a maid who brings with her towels and soap if you have none, for you are supposed to carry both with you. She fills the tub, has it about the right degree of heat, and the faucets are locked, so that if you want any more water you don't get it, also there is no chance for your traveling pal sneaking in and enjoying a bath without coming through with another 40 cents."

"You are provided with one candle a day and charged for it. The lights go out early in the night, and if you happen to get up or want to read you have to use a candle. This does not apply to Amsterdam, which is a metropolitan city."

Telephones in Indian Homes.

It is a far cry from the old prairie signal fire of the red man to the electric transmitter, but many of the rough homes of the Osage Indians in Oklahoma are equipped with telephones, and the owners enjoy their use immensely.

A telephone agent enlisted the interest of Chief White Eagle in the strange little box and wires, and soon the warrior's home was connected with "central." It was some time before his fellow tribesmen gave approval to his recourse to the white man's invention, but finally, perceiving the time, travel and trouble saved him by its use, they fled solemnly into the telephone headquarters with orders for installation in their own homes.

Not Quite Practical.

She is very liberal in her charities," said one woman. "I answered the other; 'liberal,' is not always practical. For in she wanted to send alarm to Africa to aid sufferers from sleeping sickness."

WHERE MARRYING IS WRONG

Fellows of Oxford University, England, in Certain Circumstances Are Penalized for Wedding.

Much is heard of the taxation of bachelors, but little is ever said of the communities wherein matrimony is deemed a punishable offense. Perhaps the most extraordinary ideas with reference to this subject may be said to be held at Oxford University in England. There, for instance, a fellow of All Souls College forfeits his fellowship, if when studying the classics, he should take unto himself a wife. In such event he must not only pay a penalty, but must also present his college with a memorial in the shape of a silver cup, with the further condition that on this cup shall be inscribed in Latin, "He backslid into matrimony."

There is an aristocratic club in London, the Bachelors of Ploceidilly, whereof the members who so far forget their loyalty to the club as to marry are actually expelled and ostracized. The only saving feature of such expulsion is that, by the payment of a fine of one hundred dollars, the offending one may retain an honorary membership; but, so far as active membership is concerned, he is strictly out of it for the rest of his life.

There is a similar organization in Germany, the Junggesellen Club. Whenever there comes to the officials of this club any intimation that a member contemplates matrimony, he is immediately summoned for trial in the club court, with the president as judge. The culprit is allowed to plead in extenuation of his offense, and upon his skill in presenting such plea depends the amount of his fine, which ranges from one hundred to one thousand dollars. The humorous feature of the fine consists in the application made. The money is devoted to a dinner, whereat all members appear in mourning attire. At the conclusion of the repast the president solemnly reads the sentence of expulsion, and the delinquent is led from the room amid the groans and lamentations of his erstwhile club fellows.—The Sunday Magazine

FAMOUS ROBBER OF JAPAN

Nexumi Kozo Stole From Old-Time Daimyos to Relieve Sufferings of the Poor.

Behind the temple sacred to the Nameless Dead and close to the wrestling amphitheater in Tokyo there is to be found the grave of the celebrated robber, Nexumi Kozo, who stole from the daimyos long ago in the old Edo days that he might relieve the sufferings of the poor. There is a superstition connected with this grave which has made it a much frequented spot. If a portion of the headstone is carried away it acts as a lucky talisman, particularly to those who speculate or are otherwise engaged in games of chance. It is usual for a person breaking a piece from the stone to make a vow that in case he is successful he will buy a new headstone to replace the one he has mutilated. Many prayers must have been answered, for the stones are piled high on either side of the grave, and an enterprising individual near by has the stones already for sale and only waiting the name of the donor to be engraved and then set up. A shelter has been placed over the spot, and from the roof hang gay lanterns and pilgrims' banners. A large money box catches all the stray coin which goes for the upkeep of the grave. Gamblers and gelsa are often visitors; students before their examination feel more assured of success if they have a chip of Nexumi Kozo's headstone in the sleeve of their kimono.

What She Wanted.

Jim Mann was on his way back from Chicago and couldn't help hearing the conversation of the couple in the section right behind him. They looked like newly married folks, but were not on their honeymoon, as Mann learned by deduction. The woman laid down a newspaper and had been reading and said to her husband:

"Do you know, I wish I had one of these affinites. Oh, I think it would be just grand to sit on a rock with somebody and have him rave about the incomparable golden color of my hair and tell me that my eyes were the most beautiful in the whole world, and—"

"Oh, hub," said the husband, yawning. "And that the delicate pink of my cheeks had been painted there by the angels, and that he couldn't live without me. O-o-h I think an affinity like that would be—"

"Isn't an affinity you want," interrupted her husband. "What you seem to want is a plain, old fashioned lar."—Mack's National Monthly.

Her Easter Hat.

Apocryph of the latest foreign limousine—the limousine with a roof that slides back for aviation meetings—Frank Coffyn, of hydroplane fame, said the other day in New York:

"This car reminds me of a conversation I overheard between two girls. 'It was an awfully smart crowd at the flying,' said the first girl. 'I saw some awfully nice frocks.' 'And who flew?' the second girl inquired.

"Don't ask me," said the first girl. 'Do you think I was going to take off my new Easter hat just to see a lot of aeroplanes?'"

REPORTER IS A HISTORIAN

No Other is So True, and Few Are So Entertaining and So Useful.

A police reporter, indeed (or a penny-a-liner, as he is sometimes, with too much levity, styled), is the truest historian of his age. And, as no other histories are half so true, so few are nearly so entertaining, or so useful, either, as those which he writes, there only have we the manners of the time caught "living as they rise"—served up, as it were, piping hot—and human nature naturally delineated, everywhere else it is dressed up, varnished over, idealized, perhaps, or otherwise so metamorphosed or mystified as hardly to be recognized for the same thing that one is accustomed to see and have to do with in its original condition of flesh and blood. Nay, your penny-a-liner is not the greatest of historians merely, but the most penetrating of philosophers, going to the root of the matter, and the most instructive of poets and dramatists, not only "high actions and high passions best describing," but low ones quite as well. All this he is by reason of the matter-of-fact spirit in which he works.

For this is his distinction, that (to the shame of literature it must be confessed) he is the only description of man of letters who is not in some sort, as such, a systematic liar. All other writers set themselves to embellish, elevate, refine truth and Nature—some have gone the length of maintaining that this falsification, this lying, is the very soul and indispensable essence of the poetical, in all its forms, he alone takes down and communicates what he hears and sees simply as he hears and sees it—"Among the faithless, faithful ones he."

THIEVES OF PARIS CAUGHT

Extraordinary Collection of Stolen Property Found in Their Camp in a Suburb.

The Paris police force made a remarkable haul at the suburb of Montreuil sous Bois. Eighteen men were arrested, and an enormous heterogeneous stock of stolen property was seized. The seizure was made in a camp of amateurly constructed houses, which was divided between two gangs of thieves and speches. Most of the members belonged to the chief band, commonly known as "Boers," owing to their houses being known as "Transvaal City."

Inquiries made by the police showed that every Sunday morning the inhabitants of "Transvaal City" sold stolen meat at 4d a pound, and organized penny lotteries with prizes such as clocks, stolen watches, bicycles and stores of preserved groceries. The police seized a quantity of harness, saddlery, bicycles, sewing machines, typewriters, mattresses and bedding, and in a newly plastered ceiling they unearthed jewelry and watches enough to stock two or three jewellers' shops.

The information on which the police acted was given by a poor woman who had been kept in bondage by the thieves in order to do their cooking for them. Every one of them could steal with both audacity and cunning, but not one could as much as cook a potato.

Latest in Newspapers.

The "animated newspaper" issued by a French firm for display in moving picture establishments is said to be the most costly newspaper issued from the standpoint of the subscriber, as one of these reels costs many dollars. These films are very popular with a certain class of patrons of the "movies." They are edited in much the same manner as the typical newspaper. A corps of operators is kept ready and the editor is in constant touch with many sources of news. As soon as a promising tip reaches him, the editor sends one, two or as many men as he thinks necessary for the purpose. Frequently the three films are patched together to make one complete reel. Correspondents are maintained at different points, and these are assigned by telegraph to go to certain points where their services may be needed. Mine explosions and railroad accidents are regarded as particularly attractive features, and men are sent at once to these whenever they are reasonably accessible. Pictures of the debris and the work of removal are always objects of interest to patrons of the "movies."

Catch Smelts by the Wagonload.

A great run of smelt is now going up the Sandy river, the first one in about eight years. The little fish are to be seen in a solid column coming from the Columbia river.

Hundreds of persons, attracted by the sight, are catching the smelt in dip nets and buckets and hauling them away by the wagonload. Farmers are coming in by the score every day from every direction and from long distances to get a supply of fish for pickling and smoking.

The run probably will last for several days, and then the season for the smelt will close until next winter.—Tribune correspondence San Francisco Chronicle

Trying to Decide.

"Hear you have a fine baby at your house?" "Yep, bouncing boy." "Who does he look like?" "Well, we haven't quite decided yet. To tell the truth, none of our relatives have very much coin."

SOME OLD TIME PREACHERS

In Pioneer Days in Missouri Every One Carried a Gun With Him to Church.

Nearly every pioneer preacher in Missouri was an expert in the use of the rifle as any of the laymen, says a writer in the Globe-Democrat. Services were usually held in a neighbor's cabin. Notice of a "meeting" was promptly and generally circulated, and the settlers attended, and, formally bringing their rifles to guard against possible surprises or to obtain game on the way to or from the service.

The practice of carrying firearms was not abandoned or suspended even on the Sabbath. An old pioneer states that on one occasion religious services were held in Saline county when the preacher proclaimed the gospel of peace with his hand and his clothing covered with blood from a deer that he had killed and butchered on his way to the meeting that morning.

The pioneer preachers labored without money and without price. They gained their subsistence as did their neighbors, by the till and by their daily toil in the clearings and the corn fields.

Rev. Justinian Williams, Methodist, and Rev. Peyton Nowlin and Rev. Thomas Kinney, Baptists, were the first preachers in Saline county. They preached on Edmonson's Creek, and by the Big Bottom. "Old Man Nowlin," as he was called, was a sedate gentleman, dry as to manners and serious, but with a kind heart and good imagination.

His colleague, Kinney, however, was of a jovial disposition and very popular. He was without literary attainments, but invariably provided his congregation to laughter. Nowlin took him to task upon one occasion for his levity. Kinney answered:

"Well, I'd rather preach to laughing devils than to sleepy ones, as you do. You make them sleep and I make them laugh. My congregation will pass yours on the road to heaven. I bet you a coonskin they will."

MRS. SMITH HAD A SURPLUS

Undeniable Fact That Made Her Admit Stranger Might Be Right in Her Claim.

A woman who may be called Mrs. Smith placed her umbrella against the counter, at which she was making some purchases in a department store the other day, and when she finished picked it up and started away. At least that was the way it ran through her mind.

"Pardon me," said a strange woman, "but you have my umbrella."

"Oh, no," said Mrs. Smith, "that is my umbrella."

"Pardon me again," insisted the strange woman, "but it is mine."

"I guess I know my umbrella," said Mrs. Smith, beginning to show fight. "If you have lost your umbrella I am sorry, but I can't give you mine."

"Did you carry two umbrellas when you left home?" asked the stranger. Then Mrs. Smith discovered that she had an umbrella in each hand and she surrendered.—Cleveland Press

On Safe Ground.

Whenever, on one of his rare holidays, Captain Goldby went to the city, he took some young relative with him as a special treat. On one such occasion he told his seventeen-year-old grandson, whom he had with him, that they would "dine at a real restaurant, and get a taste of fancy cooking."

When they were at last seated in the great dining room, the grandson waited impatiently while the captain read the bill of fare completely through without omitting a single article, whether domestic or foreign in title. At last he sighed, and handed the card across the table to the boy.

"You choose what you like, sonny," he said, with a sigh. "As for me, I reckon as I've already eat more herrin' than any other man livin', I might as well stow away a little more. It's allays agreed with me, so far."—Youth's Companion

Another Triumph of Surgery.

Two visiting surgeons at the Massachusetts General hospital, a few days ago "tied off" the entire right lung of a patient at the institution. Although the operation was an advanced one, the surgeons said that the anesthetic was administered according to a new method and it was their belief that the patient would recover. The difficulty heretofore, when either had been given in the normal way, had been that the patient regained consciousness before the operation was concluded. In this instance the incision was made in the patient's back. The surgeons said that the method was so new that it was yet impossible to say whether a tuberculous lung could be taken out in the same way.

Great Sea Monster.

While one of the gardeners in Broomhall gardens was digging a trench recently, says the London Globe, he came upon an ancient sand bed. On further excavations being made for the purpose of securing sand for gardening purposes, a huge bone was discovered. The bone is believed to be one of the vertebrae of a whale or other great sea monster. It that be so the waters of the Firth of Forth must have extended at least a quarter of a mile farther inland at some very remote period. The osseous find was deposited in Lord Elgin's museum at Broomhall.

To a Poet

To learn poetry for recreation is doubtless a means of cultivating a knowledge of literature, but a school boys sometimes regard the authors of poems learned as task masters and personal enemies. This view is amusingly expressed in a letter found among the papers of the venerable German poet Gelbel. It was written to him by some schoolboys of Lubeck, and signed, "Karl Beckmann II. Klasse."

After stating that two boys had been flogged because they could not learn Herr Gelbel's "Hope of Spring," the letter reads:

"We suppose that you did not think of such things when you wrote the poem. The Herr Lehrer says it is a very beautiful poem, but there are so many beautiful poems, and we are obliged to learn them. Therefore we beg and entreat you, esteemed Herr Gelbel, make no more beautiful poems. And to make it worse we have to learn the biography of every poet, what year he was born in, and what year he died in. We write to you because you are the only poet still living, and we wish you a very long life."—The Sunday Magazine

Manufacture of Maniaes.

At a recent congress of neurology a paper was read in which the movement by which the growing young man ceases the first shoots on his upper lip was labeled monstachiotropomania; the habit of (wringing the case seen in old drum majors, straphandomania, that of putting the little finger into the ear, otodactylomania. Then we have "stomatodactylomania" who put the finger into the mouth, "onychophagomania" who bite their nails, "harmoniolomania" who drum with their fingers on window panes or tables and "trepidomania" who nervously move their legs.

Cling to Their Superstition.

The Chinese, like the Indians, have their medicine men. The medical missionaries have done an admirable work in China, and now, albeit as a last resort, a portion of the 450,000,000 of population will appeal to them in preference to the native doctors. The London Lancet says, "In some localities the natives may still be found burning large quantities of gold and silver paper along with incense in the hope of averting, for example, a threatened invasion of their homes by cholera, plague, or smallpox, or firing guns and beating cymbals in order to frighten away the malignant spirits likely to give rise to mischief."

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